

NANCY HANK'S CLAIMED
RELATIVES

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MOTHER NANCY HANKS

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Hanks Family

Nancy Hanks Claimed Relatives

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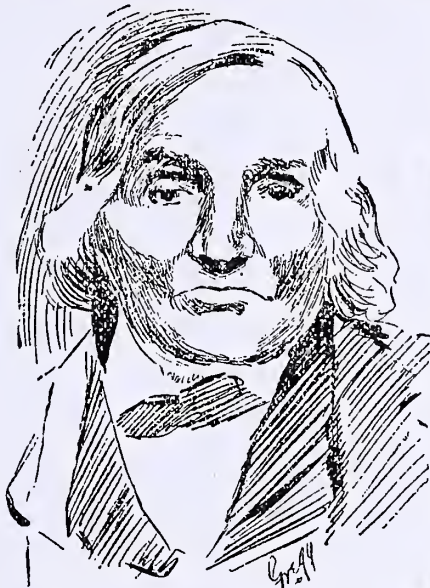
THIS VIEW IS FROM THE OTHER SIDE.

Lincoln's Kin in Missouri. 1856

Written for The Sunday Republic.

How I happened in the first place to call at a small unpainted cottage on the outskirts of Louisiana, Mo., has nothing to do with the story. The lane was muddy and I looked doubtfully at my rubbers and then at the scrupulously clean walk and porch and decided to leave the rubbers by the gate.

I was met at the door by an elderly woman, tall and angular, with sunken



Joseph Hanks, Youngest Brother of Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

cheeks, square jaw, high cheek bones and penetrating black eyes.

She led me through a tiny parlor with a bright carpet on the floor, chairs ranged around the room at equal distance from one another and from the wall, a great many photographs in oval frames on the wall and a table in the center of the room, holding the family Bible and photograph album.

We passed on to a cheerful little sitting-room at the back, and as I sat down my eyes fell on two more oval frames hanging

side by side, in one the unmistakable features of Abraham Lincoln, the other the face of a man I had never seen.

"I believe your father was an uncle of Lincoln," I said.

The old lady resumed her seat by the window, and picked up the knitting she had put down to go to the door.

"Yes," she answered. "That's what I have always been told, and that's what the old Bible says. Isabel, bring the Book, and the lady can see for herself."

I turned the pages until I found the Family Record, and there at the head of the first page was written in a cramped, old-fashioned hand, with pale ink on the yellow page: "Joseph Hanks, born January, 1817." Farther down the closely filled column I read: "Nancy Hanks, daughter of Joseph Hanks, named in loving remembrance of his favorite sister."

A few questions brought out facts in the early life of Joseph Hanks which have recently been given to the public in connection with a life of Lincoln.

A short time after his marriage Joseph Hanks moved to Illinois to the same region of country which seemed to have such attraction for the entire connection. We are led to wonder a little at this, for it was certainly not from the fact that those who had gone before, were growing wealthy, that one after another of the family in Virginia and Kentucky followed them to their new homes. It may have been the clannishness peculiar to those older States which drew the families together even in the midst of a strange land. At any rate Joseph Hanks and his wife with a couple of small children soon followed Thomas Lincoln and his wife and settled on the Sangamon River, where they lived for a number of years.

"That's where I was born," the old lady with the knitting said. "John Henry here was a small boy when father and mother moved there."

It was on this river, a few years later, that Lincoln launched the flatboat which



Dennis Hanks, the Man Who Taught Lincoln to Read.

he had made with his own hands, and started out to get his first glimpse of the great world; for New Orleans, as it was then, must have been a revelation to this boy from the wilds. It was in this same neighborhood also that Lincoln split those rails which have figured so prominently in the history and politics of the country.

"I suppose you knew a great deal about Lincoln, since you lived in the same community," I said.

The old lady hesitated, evidently embarrassed.

"Well," she said, "we never saw much of

Abe after he was grown, seein' as we was on the other side. Father was all the time talking about him and his smart tricks. He thought a power of Abe, but it seemed to me that most we heered them days was jest about his yarns and foolishness."

"Whose picture is that beside Mr. Lincoln's?" I asked.

"That? Why, that's Cousin John Hanks. Him and Abe was always together when they was boys. Ho split the rails that made the house Thomas Lincoln lived in when he first came to Illinois, and he went with Abe on his flatboat trips to New Orleans.

The old gentleman before referred to as John Henry Hanks laid down the paper he had been reading and remarked:

"I've hearn Cousin John say that once when they was takin' a load of things to New Orleans they stopped at a landing for something or other. A man came on board and wanted to know if they had any onions. Abe looked at him kinder bewildered and said: 'No.' After the man had gone, he stood there for some time studying, and finally broke out: 'Why, John, I'll bet that blamed fool wanted Inguns.'

"What did you think of him then?" I asked. "What did people generally say about him?"

"Well, I don't know as they ever said much any way, except that he was so all-fired awkward they didn't see how he could keep out of his own way.

"Yes, I've hearn about his readin' of nights and all that and I know it's true, but that was the only difference between him and other fellers of his age, and I never did understand how just that could amount to as much in the long run as it did."

The old gentleman then related a number of stories which he had heard of his illustrious kinsman. At one time Lincoln and John Hanks were traveling through the country horseback, probably going somewhere to court, for Lincoln was then a lawyer. They stopped at a house by the way to stay all night and get supper. On the table was a savory dish of fish which was passed to the guests by a small boy who was acting as waiter. He watched anxiously as piece by piece disappeared and only one was left. There had evidently been some understanding between the boy and his mother in which she had promised that he should have the piece which was always left "for manners." When the first helping had been disposed of and other things offered to the strangers Mr. Lincoln declined, and at the same time transferred the remaining piece of fish to his own plate. The boy looked at him in astonishment, and then exclaimed in a loud whisper: "There, maw! that darned

long-legged cuss, has took the last piece, manners and all!"

At another time Lincoln was attending court at Springfield, and after court adjourned the Judge who had presided remarked that his horse was very faded and worn and he would like to swap for a fresher horse before starting on his home-



John Henry Hanks.

ward journey. Mr. Lincoln accepted the challenge at once, and assured the Judge that while he might not like the horse, it was certainly better than the one the Judge rode. After a short absence Lincoln reappeared and deposited a "saw horse" on the other side of the rack where the Judge's horse was tied.

These and many other stories the old gentleman related with much enjoyment.

"Yes, I heard Abe speak several times," he continued; "twice in Quincy, but don't remember much about it.

"I didn't care to hear him when they told me he was on the other side, but then he was kin, and as father used to set such store by him, I thought I'd orter go."

"Didn't you vote for him?" I asked.

"No," with some fine discriminations between a man's duty to his "kin" and his duty to his country.

"That," said the old gentleman, turning to the picture of a powerful man holding a large book with a clutch like unto the drowning man and his proverbial straw, "that is Cousin Dennis Hanks, the man who taught Abe to read."

Before I left the cottage the sisters, after the fashion of years gone by, spread before my astonished eyes a number of patchwork quilts of gorgeous color and indescribable pattern. In these were pointed out bits of the wearing apparel of dead and gone Hankses and Lincolns who struggled along through toll and privation and poverty side by side with the man who won the battle of life against greater odds than any American that ever lived.

ELIZABETH DAVIS FIELDER.

Library Photographs.

A pretty idea carried out in a library is a border of photographs of literary celebrities surmounting the low book shelves that run around three sides of the room. This is accomplished by means of a panel of glass as wide as a cabinet photograph inserted just above the shelves, a narrow molding finishing it at the top. Behind this the pictures are slipped. This scheme admits of reproduction in various ways, as, for example, musicians for a music room, or sets of pictures of places for any room.

COUSIN OF LINCOLN DIES AT BONAIR

**"UNCLE CHARLEY" MILLER, OF
LISCOMB, PASSES AWAY
TUESDAY.**

**SUCCUMBS TO AILMENTS
INDUCED BY OLD AGE**

**Kinsman of Famous President, Who
Headed a Party to "Duck" Lincoln
When He Refused to "Treat" His
Pupils—Funeral at Bethel Grove
Thursday Afternoon.**

1912

Charles Miller, a second cousin of Abraham Lincoln, and a pioneer of the Bethel Grove neighborhood in Liscomb township, died Tuesday at Bonair, Howard county, according to a telegram received at Liscomb. Mr. Miller died at the home of his niece, Mrs. Wilson Mishler, where he had been making his home during recent months. The end was due to old age, Mr. Miller having celebrated his 87th anniversary on Jan. 12.

Altho a native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Miller spent his boyhood in Kentucky, where his famous kinsman was born. It was there that Miller and Lincoln first met, as boys in their teens, when the future president came to the Miller home to board while he taught the district school.

Made Lincoln "Treat."

An interesting story is told of the early days in Kentucky, when Lincoln first entered upon his duties as teacher. There was much curiosity on the part of the boys to see the "new teacher," and it was planned to make him "treat." The first day that the "new teacher" was to be on hand arrived, but before him at the school house was a crowd of strapping boys, headed by Miller as their captain, who had decided to lock out the teacher unless he would agree to "treat." Miller was chosen captain because it was believed that, being a kinsman, he would be liable to less punishment if the plans miscarried.

Lincoln Capitulates.

Lincoln reached the school house, found the door locked, and that he was unable to force it. Presently a noise was heard on the school house roof, and a few moments later down came the sooty form of the "new teacher" thru the chimney. He was ready to do battle, despite the odds. Game as he was, however, Lincoln was no match for the young Kentuckians, who carried the struggling form to a nearby creek, where a ducking was promised unless the promise to "treat" was given. At the very edge of the creek bank, but not until the bank was reached, Lincoln presented a flag of truce and promised that on the morrow the boys would have their treat.

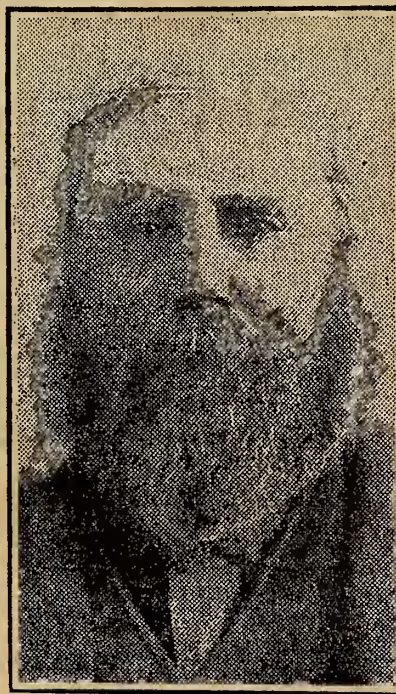
Lincoln's behavior on this occasion endeared him to every one of his pupils. They admired his pluck, and his efforts to defend himself even against the overwhelmingly odds. And no stauncher friend did Abraham Lincoln have in those pioneer days than "Charley" Miller, his second cousin, and Lincoln was enough older so that Miller looked upon him as his ideal man. The mothers of the two boys were first cousins and, strange as it may seem, bore the same maiden name, Nancy Hanks.

Pioneer Merchant of County.

Mr. Miller came to this county in the early '50s, and was one of the early merchants in the town of Albion. When he first came to Iowa he settled in Des Moines county, near Burlington. He lived in the Bethel Grove neighborhood and at Liscomb for many years, and was in business at Zearing for some time. During the first administration of Grover Cleveland Mr. Miller was deputy postmaster at Zearing under A. D. Hix. Mr. Miller was a member of the Old Bethel Christian church.

Mr. Miller is survived by two sons and three daughters—F. M. Miller, of

*Nancy Hanks Miller
Charles Miller*



**"UNCLE CHARLES" MILLER,
Pioneer of County, and Second Cousin
of Abraham Lincoln.**

Liscomb; James W. Miller (of Cresco; Mrs. Mary Ann Weatherly, of New Providence; Mrs. Ruth Price Warren, of St. Anthony; and Mrs. Lona Hart, corner of Eighth avenue and Main street, Marshalltown. A brother, William Miller, lives at Winfield, and a sister, Mrs. Lucetta Chandler, at New London. The late John Miller, of this city, was another son.

Funeral Thursday Afternoon.

The funeral will be held from the Bethel Grove church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and interment will follow in the Bethel cemetery.

Five Generations of Women Include Lincoln's Second Cousin



This picture is remarkable for two reasons. In the first place it shows that rarity, five generations of women; in the second place, Mrs. Mahaley Cates, the oldest woman in the picture, is the second cousin of Abraham Lincoln. Her mother, Polly Hanks, was the niece of Nancy Hanks, living in what was then known as Sugar Creek, Ky.

At upper left is Mrs Edna Patmer, 23, 1226 W. Indiana-st; beside her is her mother, Mrs. Eliza Walton, 45, 1706 W. Pennsylvania-st; Mrs. Walton's mother, seated, is Mrs. Ellen Davis, 65, who lives with her mother, Mrs. Cates, at Nortonville, Ky. The baby is Mary Louise Patmer, 18 months old. Mrs. Cates is 87.

Evansville Press 4-25-28

The recurrence of the anniversary of Lincoln's birth brings to the surface each year some feature that connects the great president with early Iowa history. Old residents of Crawford county point with delight to the land that he owned there in an early day. It was at that time a quarter section of open prairie. The people of Council Bluffs point with pride to Lincoln Park, away up on the bluffs overlooking the Missouri river valley for miles and away over into Nebraska. It was on this high bluff that Lincoln stood in 1858 and the wonderful view spread out before him prompted him in after years as president of the United States to make an official decree that Council Bluffs should be the eastern terminus of the first railway ever sponsored by the government, the building of the Union Pacific. Warren Hanks, a brother of Nancy Hanks, mother of Lincoln, has two sons living in Iowa, George Hanks, a retired farmer at Stuart, Guthrie county, and DeWitt Hanks, residing on a farm near Cambridge, Story county. These men are both past 80 years of age and are first cousin of Abraham Lincoln.

CHAS. H. BURROWS DIED LAST NIGHT

**Death Resulted From Heart
Trouble.**

COUSIN ABRAHAM LINCOLN

**Served Four Years In Civil War—
Was Commander of Local
G. A. R. Post.**

Albany, N.Y. Globe
Captain Charles Henry Burrows, railroad man and Civil war veteran, passed away last night, at 11 o'clock, at his home, 604 S street.

Death resulted from chronic heart trouble, with which he had been suffering for the past two years.

In the almost eighty years of his life, Captain Burrows had had many interesting experiences. He was born in Springfield, Ill., November 19, 1842. He spent his boyhood days in and around Springfield, which at that time was near the frontier of America. As a young man he attended the frontier schools, and later, as a law student he studied under his second cousin, Abraham Lincoln, in Springfield. Captain Burrows studied law for several years under the Immortal Lincoln, until the war opened, and the young law student, with hundreds of other young men, enlisted in the service of the North. Captain Burrows entered the army as a bugler, and after four years with the forces he was discharged as a captain of the 134th Illinois volunteer infantry.

After the Civil war, Captain Burrows went to Iowa, where he practiced law for a few years, while also employed as a railroad man. Later he dropped his law practice, and devoted his whole time to railroading, which at that time was in its infancy in the great West. Captain Burrows worked for railroads in Iowa, Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas. For nearly twenty-nine years, until he retired about four years ago, he was a hill clerk in the Sixth street offices of the Missouri Pacific railway.

Had Captain Burrows lived until August, he and Mrs. Burrows would have celebrated their fifty-first wedding anniversary. They were married at Lawton, Mo., in August, 1871.

Captain Burrows was very active in the work of the Grand Army of the Republic. During the last seven years of his life he was commander of the John A. Martin post No. 93, G. A. R. He was also a charter member of G. A. R. Post No. 1, of Illinois.

Captain Burrows always took part in the various public activities of the Grand Army. For years it was his custom to repeat Lincoln's Gettysburg address at the Annual Memorial services, and he usually had a large part in the balance of the programs. Captain Burrows was a well-educated, well-read, pleasant man who had a host of warm friends and admirers. He was large of stature, and big of heart, and he will be missed among his comrades of the Civil war who survive him, as well as by his hundreds of other friends, and the relatives who mourn their loss.

Captain Burrows was also a member of the Knights & Ladies of Security, and treasurer of the Atchison lodge when he died.

Three children were born to Captain and Mrs. Burrows. Two of them died in infancy, and the third, Mrs. Adolph Frailey, of Kansas City, Mo., survives, with the widow.

Two sisters, Mrs. Alice Dirrén, of Detroit, and Mrs. Henry Phillips, of Beardstown, Ill.; two grandchildren, Miss Frances Shumard, of Detroit, and Mrs. H. A. Steele, of Lawton, Okla., and one great-grandchild, Miss Mary Patrecia Steele, of Lawton, also survive.

Funeral arrangements will not be announced until tomorrow.

THE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST

body that will come is invited, especially Old Baptists.

Yours in bonds,

F. M. Russell.

Judsonia, Ark.

SPECIAL OFFER.

I will send The Primitive Baptist to old or new cash subscribers one year and my History of the Primitive Church, paper bound for \$3.25; cloth bound for \$3.50, for all orders sent in until October 1st. Any one sending cash for four Histories, regular price, will send Primitive Baptist one year.

Lee Hanks.

2 Edwin Place, Atlanta, Ga.

HANKS' CHURCH HISTORY.

Bound in Cloth \$2.00 each or \$20.00 per doz.
Bound in paper \$1.50 each or \$15.00 per doz.

My church History will be ready June 1st. It is full of useful information up to the present. It clearly shows that the Primitive Baptists is apostolic in origin, faith and practice. I think it will contain about 1,500,000 words. The doctrine is clearly defined, so is discipline. I have about 80 pages or more of useful matter from Elder Hassell's History and writings. It will cost me a great deal to get it out. All who want this Book send money order at once to Lee Hanks, 2 Edwin Place, Atlanta, Ga., or Cayce Pub. Co., Fordyce, Ark.

HANKS FAMILY TO REPAIR LOG CABIN

Will Co-operate with City in Upkeep of Old Court House.

One hundred and fifty people attended the Hanks annual reunion in Fairview park, Tuesday, at which time a committee was appointed to co-operate with the city in the upkeep of the Lincoln cabin at Fairview park. The Hanks family ancestry dates back to Lincoln and the family feels it their duty to keep the cabin in good condition. The roof will be repaired soon. The committee consists of Miss Mattie Calhoun and S. J. Hanks.

OFFICERS.

Election of officers was held as follows:

President—W. B. Hanks, Decatur.
Vice President—Albert Marlatt, Maroa.
Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Charles W. Crump.

Visitors present were Dr. and Mrs. M. J. Brennen of St. Louis, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Davis and family of Springfield, E. Z. Hanks of Terre Haute. Regrets were sent from Greenwich, N. Y., Lake City, Ia. and Richmond, Ind.

HANKS FAMILY LIVED IN BERKS

KENTUCKY MAN SEEKING INFORMATION

The articles recently published in the Eagle in reference to Daniel Boone's birthplace have attracted wide attraction. One or the results has been a letter from a writer in Kentucky, who is interested in the Hanks family, supposed to have come from Berks county about the year 1750. In the hope that he might get something from Berks county in reference thereto, he sent a letter to the Berks Historical Society. As the Hanks family was in Exeter township at the time that the Lincolns and Boones were there, it is thought that some facts can be obtained, which will be of interest to the Kentucky man. Nancy Hanks was the mother of Abraham Lincoln. She was a granddaughter of John Hanks who left Berks county in 1750. The following is the letter:

Elizabethtown, Ky., March 13, 1922.
My dear Mr. Fox—I have recently come across an article in a local paper, telling of the Daniel Boone birthplace in Berks county.

The article referred to the fact that a John Hanks at one time lived in Berks county, and suggested that it was the same family from which the mother of President Lincoln came.

I am now compiling a volume which will give a large place to the genealogy of the Hanks family, and I would be glad to learn if there are any records accessible in the Berks County Court House which might help me to trace the ancestry of Nancy Hanks.

I lived for three years in Hodgenville, Kentucky, the "Cradle of Lincoln," and am now residing at Elizabethtown, the first home of Thomas and Nancy Lincoln being located here.

Shall be glad to send to the historical society three publications relative to Lincoln's birthplace, which I have recently brought from the press, and another which locates the five Lincoln homes in Kentucky, which will come from the press in a few days. I would send them under separate cover at this time if I was sure that I have the address of the society correct.

Can you put me in touch with anyone that might be of assistance to me in gathering the Hanks data. Would appreciate any assistance that you might give.

Sincerely,
(Signed) LOUIS A. WARREN.

*Reading Co. Eagle
Mar 18, 1922*

Special to The Inquirer.

READING, Pa., March 21.—Not only were the paternal forebears of Abraham Lincoln, and Daniel Boone himself, natives of Berks county, but Nancy Hanks, mother of Lincoln, also may have been of Berks stock, according to a letter received by the Berks County Historical Society's secretary, Cyrus T. Fox, from Louis A. Warren, of Elizabethtown, Ky. He writes that he is collecting data to show that John Hanks, father of Nancy Hanks, either was born in Berks county, or else came of a Berks family. He lives in the town where Thomas and Nancy Hanks Lincoln first lived after their marriage.

Elizabethtown Inquirer 1922

Hoosier Is Cousin of Nancy Hanks Lincoln



MRS. LUCY ANN HANKS SMITH.

[Special to The Indianapolis Star.]

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Aug. 27.—Mrs. Lucy Ann Hanks Smith, 94 years old, who resides on a farm in Wabash county, Illinois, with her son, Newton Smith, is believed to be the last living first cousin of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, mother of Abraham Lincoln.

She was the daughter of Heczekiah Hanks and was born in a cabin on the banks of the Wabash river at what was then Brown's Mills, located south of Vincennes and near the present town of St. Francisville, Ill. No trace of the settlement can be found and the old mill has long since disappeared. When she was still a small child her father moved his family from the Browns Mills settlement to what is now a farm on the Illinois state highway, then a tangled wilderness, located south of Lawrenceville, Ill.

TOLD STORIES OF ABE.

She was married to John Smith, son of pioneer residents of Wabash county, and with her husband settled upon a farm in that county where the remainder of her life has been spent. Of late her mind has become clouded, but her sons and daughters have vivid recollections of the stories she has told them of the days when her cousin, Abe Lincoln, went flat-boating down the Ohio.

These and other tales of the Lincolns and of Nancy Hanks and her family, are considered by the sons and daughters of Lucy Ann Hanks Smith as sufficient proof of the blood relationship, although they are unable to find any history to bear out their claims.

Ind. Star - 8-28-27



DEATH CLAIMS MRS. MARY FRIEND

LAST OF FAMILY OF EIGHT
DIES FROM OLD AGE
MONDAY

Mrs. Mary Friend, 89 years of age, died at her home early Monday morning from a complication of diseases due to old age. Mrs. Friend was born in this county, September 6, 1834. On January 6, 1857, he married Robert Friend, and to this union were born nine children, five of whom survive her. She professed faith early in life and joined the Baptist church, in which she was a consistent member until death. She is the last of a family of eight children.

Those surviving her are five children, Mr. George Friend, Mrs. C. T. Borders, Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mrs. Annie Clopton and Mrs. W. L. LaRue, and many other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at the Buffalo Baptist Church, Tuesday afternoon by the Rev. W. E. Mitchell, and burial in

BRIDE-ELECT.



MISS HELEN HANKS.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Helen Hanks, 2035 North Meridian street, to Robert F. Grover. The wedding will take place June 25 at the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church. *See Star 5-14-27*

Heads State Disciples



THE REV. J. W. VAWTER.

The Rev. Mr. Vawter, of Corydon, was elected president of the state convention of the Disciples of Christ at the annual meeting held at Marion.

AGED CITIZEN DIES AT GLENDALE

Charles Friend, aged eighty-one years, and a direct descendant of Nancy Hanks, mother of Abraham Lincoln, died at an early hour Sunday morning at the home of his niece, Mrs. W. O. Allen, in Glendale. His illness was of brief duration.

Mr. Friend was born in Elizabethtown and during his early life lived at West Point, Hodgenville and Sonora, serving as postmaster at Sonora under President Harrison's administration. Twelve years ago he removed from Madisonville to Glendale.

He was a member of the Christian church and funeral services were held at the Glendale church yesterday afternoon followed by the burial in the church cemetery. Mr. Friend was a widower. A brother was the late John C. Friend, a Hodgenville attorney.—E'town News

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1923.

Capt. S. S. Hanks, Cousin of Lincoln, Dead at Davenport

By Associated Press.

Davenport, March 5.—Capt. S. S. Hanks, of Princeton, Iowa, first cousin of Abraham Lincoln, and for the greater part of his life a Mississippi river pilot running between Stillwater, Minn., and St. Louis, died at the home of his son, S. L. Hanks, 1512 Grand Avenue, Davenport, at 4:50 this morning. He was 92 years old.

He was born in Kentucky near the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln, his father being a brother of Nancy Hanks, the mother of the first martyred president. As a boy Captain Hanks romped and played with his cousin, and their fondness for each other continued until the death of the president.

Nancy Hanks

Cora Van Tassell
grand niece of Lincoln

12/1/1925

Find Lincoln Kin Dead in Seattle

Associated Press

SEATTLE, Dec. 1.—Her passing unnoticed, Mrs. Cora Van Tassell, said to have been a grandniece of Abraham Lincoln, lay dead in the morgue here today, whereabouts of near relatives unknown.

Mrs. Van Tassell, whose effects showed she had led a varied career as a spiritualist, palm reader, crystal gazer and at one time on the stage, was found dead in an apartment here yesterday. She had

come here only last Saturday and is thought to have a husband in California.

Newspaper clippings in her rooms included poetry printed under the title "Grandniece of Abraham Lincoln."

Mrs. Cora Van Tassell

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Of Abraham Lincoln,
1925 Is Dead In Seattle**

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*Anna Winters Harrison county, Ind
Hanks Province*

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 1926.

Atchison, as well as Kickapoo, has folks who are descendants of Nancy Hanks, the wife of Abraham Lincoln. They are Mrs. Ernest E. Waldroff, and Mrs. S. E. Hoppel. Mrs. Anna Winters, of Harrison county, Indiana, was a cousin of Nancy Hanks. Mrs. Winters, who died several years ago, was the grandmother of Mrs. Waldroff and Mrs. Hoppel. The Waldroff home is in Park Place. The Hoppel home is 502 North Eighth street.

Mrs M E Dailey



LINCOLN'S KINSWOMAN 102 YEARS OLD. Mrs. M. E. Dailey, 473 Lincoln avenue, Dalton, Ill., who celebrated birthday at the home of T. D. Nairn, a grandson of Brookfield.

Chicago Tribune Oct 27 1928

**LINCOLN'S COUSIN DIES IN
TURLOCK**

Miss Amanda M. Hicks, 87, cousin of Abraham Lincoln, died recently at Turlock, Calif.

For twenty-two years she was connected with Clinton College, Clinton, Ky., and for sixteen years of that time she was president.

Coming to California thirty-one years ago, she has been connected with educational and welfare work of the University of California for twenty years. She devoted much of her time to writing.



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Mr Louis A Warren,
Ft Wayne, Indiana.

June 24th-1929

Dear sir;

I have been informed that you will soon publish a "LINCOLN HISTORY" and as I am very much interested in any book or history that I can find I shall be pleased to know when the publication will be made and when for sale. I have quite a few books on "LINCOLN" and have read every book that is in our Public Library. On June 9th *we* visited Lincoln City and the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln. My father and aunt together with my family enjoyed the day as my father lived in Gentry ville, Indiana 72 years ago. My grandfather William Boyd Smith kept store, was Post Master and also taught school in Gentry ville in an early day. My mothers people were related to the "Hanks side of the LincolnS" Thanking you for any information.

Very truly yours,

JO Smith.

Hanks Family

June 28, 1929

Mr. John O. Smith
Lawrenceville, Ill.

My dear Smith:

You may feel sure that I was very much interested in your letter, inasmuch as your grandfather, William Boyd Smith, was Postmaster at Gentryville, and furthermore because your mother's people were related to the Hanks family.

I am now working on my History of Lincoln in Indiana in which I hope to discuss the environments in which Lincoln lived for 14 years of his life. You may feel sure that any information I can gather about Gentryville in the early days will be very, very much appreciated.

Does your own father remember any of the details of his father's residence in Gentryville and as storekeeper or Postmaster, did your grandfather leave any old records? These would be very, very interesting, I am sure.

Relative to the Hanks family, you will be interested to know that I now have in my possession etiology of the Hanks family as compiled by Mrs. Hitchcock more than 30 years ago. It is the most complete in America and I hope soon to be able to have it published. If you will give me a little more information about your mother's family, I shall be very glad to let you know what I have in that connection.

This Foundation is publishing a weekly bulletin which we call Lincoln Lore. We send it out gratis to those who are vitally interested in Lincoln and I am glad to send you a complete file with the exception of No. 4, which is no longer available. I shall also be glad to place your name upon the mailing list for future copies.

Respectfully yours,

LAW:EB
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Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

July 22, 1929

Mr. John O. Smith
Lawrenceville, Illinois

My dear Mr. Smith:

I was very glad indeed to get the information which you enclosed in your recent letter and especially pleased to learn of the Hanks family through which you trace your own lineage. As soon as I have an opportunity I will go through my Hanks records and see if I can find therein some of your earliest progenitors.

It will probably be a month before I will be able to do this, as I start on my vacation next week and will be gone for some time.

I will be pleased to take up the matter with you again upon my return.

Respectfully yours,

Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

LAW:EB

May 1, 1933

Mr. J. O. Smith
1426 Lexington Avenue
Lawrenceville, Illinois

Dearsir:

We are sorry to advise you that number 4
of Lincoln Lore is now out of print. We gladly
enclose number 183.

Yours very sincerely,

Ellen Herendeen
Asst. Editor, Lincoln Lore

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TAMPA, FLORIDA

April 9, 1930.

Dr Louis A Warren,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Dr Warren:-

I want to tell you I just love the little papers called Lincoln Lore. I read and re-read them with the greatest interest and intend keeping every copy. Mrs Myra Rudolph, of Warren, O., kindly sent my name in to your office.

I am particularly interested in all the Nancy Hanks items, always hoping to find that someone has unearthed a scrap of old history that will clear up the tangle of her early life and parentage. Altho some claim it, I do not think the question has yet been settled. My great grandmother was the daughter of William Hanks (b 1739) of Leesburg, Loudoun Co., Virginia. Her name was Nancy Hanks. In 1793 she married Nicholas Schooley. My Schooley ancestors came from New Jersey and settled in Loudon Co., Va., in 1761. Both families were Quakers and it seems were neighbors and friends from away back and finally inter-married.

You no doubt know all about this family and that we claim William had at least two brothers, Joseph and John either, of which could have been Nancy Lincoln's father. I believe she was ten years or so younger than my great-grandmother who may have been her first cousin. But while we have a very complete record of William Hanks and his family, we do not have an equally good record of these brothers - in fact cannot verify even the slight reference we do have, that they really ever existed.

According to our information handed down, the land or plantation in southern Pennsylvania just across the Potomac from Virginia, which eventually became the homestead of William Hanks, was originally owned by Joseph and John Hanks. On rather, it belonged to the three brothers and in 1793 William bought out the two brothers and moved with his family from Virginia to this location in Bedford Co, Pa. (now Fulton Co., Pa.) We find nothing in the way of court documents in Pennsylvania to verify this transaction. I do not know if anything could be found in Virginia or if it has ever been looked up.

When I commenced this letter I had no intention of writing all this but merely wished to mention one of the reasons why I am so interested in Nancy Hanks Lore as well as Lincoln Lore. I hope I have not tried your patience. Assuring you I appreciate the paper -

Sincerely, *(Mrs) Jennie Schooley Hofmann*

Hanks family

April 16, 1930

Mrs. Jennie Schooley Hoffman
2809 Florida Avenue
Tampa, Florida

My dear Mrs. Hoffman:

I appreciate very much the kind words which you have to say about Lincoln Lore. We find it is being very well received wherever it goes.

During the next few months we intend to run a series of articles on the Hanks family which I am sure will be of interest to you.

With the help of Mrs. Rudolph of Warren, Ohio I hope to give quite a complete outline of the history of your immediate family.

Thank you very much for the information which you enclosed.

Respectfully yours,

LAW:VL

Director,
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation.

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TAMPA, FLORIDA

May 18, 1931.

Dr Louis A Warren, Editor
Lincoln Lore,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Dr Warren:

In answer to your letter of April 20th, 1931, I write to inform you my address as you have it is correct and to assure you I am as much interested as ever in Lincoln Lore. I never miss reading each copy and keep them properly filed to re-read at intervals.

Although in my seventy-second year I try to keep up with the wonderful things you are doing in establishing the interesting - Lincoln memorial - museum and library. How thankful we should be that The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company has made this achievement possible. I was delighted with the special Lincoln number of ~~Lincoln~~ "Life with the Lincoln"

I am enclosing a copy of an old article I came across in a scrap book made many years ago by a lady in Pennsylvania - it may be of some interest.

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs) Jennie Schooley Hofmann

May 22, 1931

Mrs. Jennie Schooley Hofmann
2809-11 Florida Avenue
Tampa, Florida

My dear Mrs. Hofmann:

Thank you very much for your kind words about our Foundation here at the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, and also for the clipping about the Winters connection with the Lincoln family.

While I have heard the tradition in many forms, this is the first printed account which I have seen. If it were possible for you to learn the name and date of the papers from which this clipping is taken, I should like very much to have it.

Respectfully yours,

Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

LAW:EB

June 9, 1931

Mrs. Jennie Schooby Hofmann
Tampa, Florida

My dear Mrs. Hofmann:

Thank you very much for sending me further information about the clipping recently forwarded. It makes the item so much more valuable when the source and date is known.

Respectfully yours,

LAW:EB

Director
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation

See Luvah Family File

2813 Florida Ave.,

Tampa, Fla.,

November 23, 1937

Louis A. Warren, Director,
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation
14 W. W. W. Bldg.,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:

I have noticed in one of your letters, you could make use of some old numbers of Lincoln Log which those who are keeping files are short on. I have one copy each of dates running from 1930 to 1932. I am not keeping a file and will be very glad to mail to you any of these dates you are short on, if you send me the date + number.

I am enclosing you to-day under separate cover a clipping from an old newspaper that may be of interest to you. You need not return it if you think it worth keeping in your collection of Lincoln data. Yours very truly
Mrs. Fannie Hoffman

November 26, 1937

Mrs. Jennie Hofmann
2813 Florida Avenue
Tampa, Florida

My dear Mrs. Hofmann:

Thank you very much for calling to our attention the available copies of Lincoln Lore which you have and I am taking the liberty to advise one of my friends in New York that you have these available copies, and I think you will hear from him;

I am sure he would appreciate any numbers you might make available which he does not have.

Very truly yours

LAW:EB

Director

CC: Emanuel Hertz 141 Broadway, New York, New York

Abbe Nancy (1770 - 1835)

Schooler, Nicholas

Abbe Rosanna (1770 - 1839)

Lodge, Jacob

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Relative of Lincoln Dies.

Rushville, Ill., Dec. 16.—Gilderoy Settles, 93 years old, a great-great-grandfather, who said he was related to Abraham Lincoln and Robert E. Lee was buried here today. He died Sunday. Settles' mother was Mary Ann Carlock, first cousin of Gen. Lee and his grandmother, Mary Anna Lee, said she related both the Confederate leader and to Lincoln. Settles was born on Nov. 14, 1837, in Fulton County.

LINCOLN LORE OF GREENE CO. SHOWS OLD CONNECTIONS

Thomas Hanks Who Settled East of
White Hall Was Cousin of Lin-
coln—Great Emancipator
Visited Greene County
Several Times

White Hall, Feb. 10.—Lincoln's connection with Greene county has not been possible of thoroughly establishing since William H. Hanks reports from Patterson that proof in the shape of alleged letters and photographs can not be located, after diligent search during the past three years.

Lincoln was a guest of John Roodhouse in 1838, the year of the memorable debates with Douglas, spending a day at the Roodhouse home. Mr. Roodhouse died June 12, 1908, and his picture and the Roodhouse Record account of his life have place in the archives of the Illinois State Historical society at Springfield. Mr. Roodhouse founded the city of Roodhouse in 1866.

Judge Delahey was an intimate friend of Lincoln. He resided in a frame house just west of White Hall, located on the east side of the road where the road passes the A. E. Knight place as it turns from Bridgeport street to the outlet of Lincoln street from White Hall. Lincoln was entertained in this home. Here is the spot that was intended as the location of a woman's seminary, but it appears that money raised for that purpose was absconded, the seminary afterwards being built at Godfrey.

Lincoln Visited Cousin

Thomas Hanks came from Kentucky in 1816 and located four miles west of White Hall, a portion of the old Hanks home, being part of the present farm home of Norville Hicks. Thomas Hanks was a cousin of Lincoln, and it was in his home that Lincoln was entertained, the Lincoln family being photographed, according to some of the descendants, but this photograph and Lincoln's letter to Hanks expressing appreciation for courtesies during his first campaign, received following his inauguration, are the documents that have failed to come to light in the search referred to at the outset of this article. Basis for an intimate relationship between the two cousins is contained in a communication from Mrs. Mary C. Alverson, Blackwell, Oklahoma, dated April 21, 1923, she having for many years served as grand secretary of the order of the Eastern Star for Oklahoma, and who visited White Hall a few months ago. Her relationship as a granddaughter of the late Thomas Hanks give her statements credence.

She says: "You are right about Thomas Hanks. He was a cousin of

Abe Lincoln. Of course I have no real proof except what all the Hanks folks say, and then Mr. Alverson had a picture of the Lincoln family that he gave to Mr. Hanks, and it was one of the things Hard Hanks, a son, kept from the family relics. There was a letter, too, Lincoln wrote to Grandfather Hanks just after his inauguration, thanking him for hospitality, etc. When in that part of the state Lincoln always made the Hanks home his stopping place, and Hard says he remembers a good many times when Lincoln was out campaigning he would stay there at night. I think the letter is among "me old papers."

J. B. Oakleaf, a Moline lawyer, studied all available data pertaining to Lincoln for years. He says he thinks Ida M. Tarbell makes mention of our Thomas Hanks in her writings. This statement being made in 1924.

Frank V. Close, a resident of Abilene, Kansas, and a former Civil War veteran of White Hall, says: "In 1832, Robert Close and Abraham Lincoln, both of Decatur at the time, took a contract at Decatur to split 1,000 rails. Robert Close located at White Hall in 1838, remaining there until his death, and was the pioneer of the Close family of that vicinity."

Debated Cartwright

Peter Cartwright, at one time pastor of Wesley Chapel M. E. church, southeast of White Hall, was Lincoln's opponent in one or two political debates.

Ed Baldwin possesses a table on which Lincoln dined at Carrollton, coming into his possession through the Baldwin line from Brigadier General Benjamin Baldwin, whose grave in the White Hall cemetery is marked by a massive monument.

The Ames hotel in White Hall was a gathering place for notables of the Lincoln era, such as Orville H. Browning, Stephen A. Douglas, D. M. Woodson, Josiah Lamborn, John G. Nicolay and Lincoln. There is a dispute as to whether Lincoln stopped at White Hall or Carrollton on his way to Alton for the duel with Shields, and the registers are lost. Robert E. Shaw remembers as a very young man seeing these registers stored away in the Carr & Tigbee wagon shop, a remnant of which now stands on Franklin street, used as a store house by the city. John Amos, proprietor of this hotel, died October 28, 1862, the hotel being conducted by his widow, Mary C. Amos, until 1886. John G. Nicolay was a guest at this hotel when he was clerking in the store of Aaron Reno in the late forties, going to Pittsfield at the request of Capt. Penniman, where he became a printer, and was taken to Springfield by John Hay, and later become Lincoln's war secretary. On coming to Pittsfield as a boy Hay was given work in Nicolay's newspaper shop, and it is related that Hay was a discovery of Nicolay. Hay

predeceased Nicolay as a secretary to Lincoln when he was 24 years old, was editor of the New York Tribune when Horace Greeley, published it, became secretary of state under President Hayes, one of the nation's foremost diplomats of all time. On the court house square in Pittsfield stands a granite boulder, and on it are four names: Abraham Lincoln, Stephen A. Douglas, John G. Nicolay, John Hay.

Befriended Nicolay

In 1848 N. Z. Garbutt, editor of the Pike County Free Press, borrowed a horse and set about to round up a few subscribers. As he passed a hill cabin he saw an angry woman with an upraised broom handle pursuing a boy. He called the boy to him. The boy explained that the woman was his stepmother, and that she beat him regularly. Garbutt lifted the boy up behind him on the horse and took him to Pittsfield. The boy who fled before his stepmother and the broomstick was John G. Nicolay. Because the editor befriended him and gave him a chance, the boy became editor, historian, author, private secretary and confidential adviser to Lincoln, United States consul to Paris, and marshal of the supreme court of the United States. Verification of these facts concerning Nicolay are contained in a letter from his daughter, Miss Helen Nicolay, still residing in Washington, excepting the broomstick incident.

JACKSONVILLE ILL COURIER
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1924

relative

*Charles S. Hanks
Mrs. Clarina Michelson*

WOMAN, KIN OF LINCOLN, HELD IN KY. JAIL

*For a g. New Herald & Express
2/12/22*

By International News Service

PINEVILLE, Ky., Feb. 12.—While all the nation today joined in celebrating the 123d birthday anniversary of Abraham Lincoln, one of Lincoln's relatives languished in jail here on charges of trying to overthrow that same union which Lincoln saved.

The Lincoln kin was Mrs. Clarina Michelson, 50, of Boston, Mass., held in the Bell county jail here with eight others for alleged criminal syndicalism in connection with the activities of the national miners' union among striking Kentucky miners.

Suffering from acute laryngitis she lay on a cot, her head and neck swathed in hot towels.

"Sure, I am a distant relative of Lincoln, but what about it?" she began huskily. "I'm not looking for publicity."

Her father, she explained, was Charles S. Hanks, second cousin of Nancy Lee Hanks, mother of Lincoln.

She stared out of the window toward the west, where 125 miles away there is a tiny log cabin near Hodgenville, Ky., where Lincoln was born.

Loretta Lincoln
Herbert M. Brown

STATE BREVITIES

LINCOLN'S COUSIN DIES

BATTLE CREEK, June 28.—(AP)—Herbert M. Brown, 85, second cousin of Abraham Lincoln, is dead at his home here. His mother, who before her marriage was Loretta Lincoln, was a cousin of the president. Brown attended the funeral of "Cousin Abe," with whom he was well acquainted.

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WOMAN IN BREAD LINE CLAIMS LINCOLN KIN

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 2.—(UP)—A 91-year-old woman who claims to be a third cousin of Abraham Lincoln was found in a bread-line here today.

Mrs. Francis Baker, the aged woman, lives here, earning her lodging by caring for a four-year-old child.

She is given her frugal rations of bread and milk by the Community Chest.

She told reporters today that her mother was Adeline Hanks, first cousin of Nancy Hanks, Lincoln's mother. Lincoln, when a boy used to help her father during harvest time on their Illinois farm, she said, and her prized possession is a large picture of Lincoln which she said the Emancipator gave her while he was in the White House.

James G. Smith 11-3-32

Lincoln's 92-Year-Old Cousin Recalls Abe's Early Years

BLACKWELL, Okla., May 26.—(UP)—Mrs. Frances Baker, 92-year-old pioneer Oklahoman living here, knew Abraham Lincoln perhaps better than any other person living in the United States today.

The "Great Emancipator" was her cousin.

She became acquainted with Lincoln, whom she calls "Abe," when she was a girl in Illinois, and remembers vividly riding on the back of a horse with him to an Easter service in 1855. Lincoln called her "sister," she says.

Mrs. Baker at that time was Frances Nichols whose mother, before her marriage, was Adeline Arnold, a niece of Lincoln's celebrated mother, Nancy Hanks.

Lincoln frequently had visited in the Nichols' home, and after he became president often wrote letters to Mrs. Baker. In one of them, he begged her to pray God that he would have wisdom to adjust the negro problem in a proper manner.

Two days before he was assassinated, Lincoln sent Mrs. Baker his photograph, which she has presented to the Nazarene church here. She was notified to meet the body which was being sent to Springfield, Ill., for burial.

One story of the Emancipator's

kindness she tells frequently to demonstrate his kindly character.

"We were jogging along when suddenly Abe heard a faint squealing noise, and stopped," she relates.

"We began a search and found a small pig in the bottom of the deep well. Abe notified the farmer in a house nearby, but the man answered he knew the pig had been there for a week.

"Abe borrowed a ladder, climbed into the pit and rescued the pig. After church we took the pig home where it was fed and later returned to its owner."

She described Lincoln as a "cheerful, humorous and loving character. He often sang while working, and always was entertaining the family with his yarns."

Mrs. Baker, who hopes to live to 100 as did her mother, came to Kansas with her parents shortly after Lincoln's death, and did missionary work among the Indians, living at a number of Oklahoma towns.

She is living with her daughter, Mrs. Effie Hardin, here.



MRS. FRANCES BAKER, above, who claims to be a third cousin of Abraham Lincoln, has been found to be a Community Fund ward in Denver, Colo. Mrs. Baker, 91, says she remembers Lincoln when he helped harvest crops with her father in Illinois. Her mother, Adeline Hanks, was a cousin of Nancy Hanks, Lincoln's mother.

*Courtesy of M. J. Powers,
Silicon, Calif
(agent)*

Abraham Lincoln Cousin, Mary
New Denver, Colo.

**KIN OF LINCOLN
CHARITY WARD**



Mrs. Frances Baker, above, who claims to be a third cousin of Abraham Lincoln, has been found to be a Community Fund ward in Denver, Colo. Mrs. Baker, 91, says she remembers Lincoln when he helped harvest crops with her father in Illinois. Her mother, Adeline Hanks, was a cousin of Nancy Hanks, Lincoln's mother, Mrs. Baker says. She cares for a small child in return for lodging and receives charity food.

COUSIN OF LINCOLN TO BE BURIED TODAY

Mrs. Sarah Louisa Fox, 91,
Dies at Home in
Carsonville.

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Louisa Fox, a second cousin and step-niece of Abraham Lincoln, who died Monday at the home of her son, Alfred N. Fox, 8755 Natural Bridge road, Carsonville, will be conducted at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the Harrigan & Sheahan undertaking establishment, 4415 Washington boulevard, with burial following in Valhalla Cemetery. She was 91 years old.

Her father, Squire Hall, was a nephew of Lincoln's mother, the former Nancy Hanks, and her mother was a daughter of Sarah Johnston Lincoln, stepmother of the Emancipator.

Mrs. Fox, the widow of Merrill Fox, who died about fifty years ago, used to refer to her famous cousin as "Uncle Abe," telling how he attended her wedding shortly before being elected president, how he wrote to her frequently from the White House, and how she rode in a carriage with him when he returned to Illinois from Washington and visited the grave of his father in Shiloh Cemetery, near Farrington, Ill.

Surviving, besides her son, are three daughters, Mrs. Lillian Walton, 4721 Washington boulevard; Mrs. Hattie Fuller, 4011 West Pine boulevard, and Mrs. Belle Kanney, Chicago. *St. Louis Globe-Democrat*
12-14-31

RAFTING

By "TUTES" PARKER.

Stephen Beck Hanks was born October 9, 1821, near Hopkinsville, Kentucky. His paternal grandfather had been a soldier in the Revolutionary War, and had suffered at Valley Forge. His maternal grandfather had fought with Marion in the South. After the war we find them in North Carolina, then in Kentucky. Stephen's father, Thomas Hanks, had a sister, Nancy Hanks, who married Thomas Lincoln on June 19, 1806; on February 12, 1809 a son was born to them whom they named Abraham. Stephen Beck Hanks was a cousin. The Lincolns moved to Illinois. Stephen's father was killed by the kick of a horse, and the family decided also to move to Illinois. So, Stephen, at the age of eleven years, took on the responsibilities of a man. Overland, across prairie, through woods, camping where night fell, they terminated the terrible, hazardous trip at Albany, about thirty miles above Rock Island on the Mississippi river.

In the winter of 1837-8, young Hanks was cutting logs along the river for a primitive saw-mill in Albany, the output of which was largely for local use. When the ice went out these logs were made into little rafts of eight or ten logs each and dropped down to the mill. He was the first lumber-jack. At the height of the lumber and logging business there were some 140,000 men so employed in the winter. And his were, we will say, the first log rafts (1838).

Stephen Hanks was hired for \$200.00 a year to accompany a lumberman from St. Louis to explore the tractless pine forests of the North. They walked about four hundred miles swimming streams, evading Indians, through forests, over prairies. In 1840 Hanks was put to work making lumber rafts on the St. Croix at Stillwater. Sixteen foot boards, one inch thick were put together, each layer running crosswise to the preceding one, two lengths long and twenty-four layers thick. It was now bound together by 2x8s and holes were bored through these and fastened with stakes called "grub pins". This was called a "crib". In lumber yards one could always find "grub planks", damaged by the holes made for

To make a raft, various cribs were put together by board ties bored so that the auger-holes fitted over the grub-pins. The lumber rafts were going, perhaps, as far as St. Louis in 1839. Each crib at both ends of a raft had a great sweep-oar made of a plank, the blade of which was cut thin on one end and thick on the other, and was fastened to a stem made out of a young tree. These were fastened to and balanced on a pin on the ends of the raft. These were not for propulsion but to keep the raft straight in the river lengthwise and to make better use of the current to keep in the channel, and in landing in the evening. Daring as this class of men were, none yet dared run at night. Beside landings had to be made at various way places as a crib or two or three were sold and must be delivered here and there. These oars or sweeps were manned by depressing the stem and carrying the blade in the water, then walking with up-lifted hands pushing on the stem. There would be ten or fifteen oars on each end of the raft, each handled by a man. On the raft they had their bunk-house, kitchen, cook, etc., as a crew would consist of thirty or forty men. Shingles and lath were carried as freight on the cribs.

The smaller rafts of the St. Croix river were made into larger ones as soon as they had reached the Mississippi. In May 1842, being nearly twenty-one years of age, Hanks got a chance to go to St. Louis on one of these rafts. It was a large one for those days, twenty cribs in length, six cribs in width, or about 640 by 100 feet. Tying up or mooring at night was attended with tribulation and danger. The raftsmen would take a line ashore in a skiff and make it fast to a tree. Often, in snubbing the momentum of the great weight of the raft, would pull a tree out by the roots or part the line. When the latter happened the ends would snap, like a whip-lash. Many a man has been killed or badly injured by being struck by one of these ends. Stephen Hanks devised a cleat fastened to the raft around which the line passed, the other end being fastened to a tree on shore, which helped men pay out the line at the cleat, snubbing gradually, while others poured water over the line on the cleat to prevent burning it from the friction.

Rafting in Lake Pepin and Lake St. Croix was very laborious because of the "stillwater" or lack of current. They would take a line down stream in a yawl, one end attached to the raft, pay out the line to the end of which an anchor was attached which was dropped overboard. Then they would haul in the line, pulling the raft thereby. Even horses were used on the

rafts to that end. They often had trouble in raising the anchor which had become embedded in the silt or otherwise stuck.

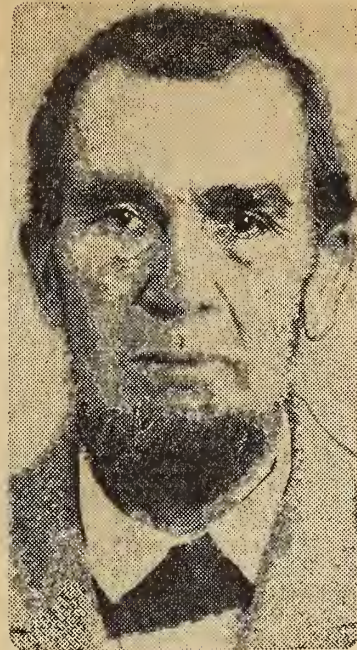
The winter of 1843-4 was unusually severe, with heavy snowfall and ice three feet thick. It was May 15, 1844 before enough ice was out to make log driving possible. They started the drive down a small, swollen stream when an order came through to "hold everything" as the St. Croix was in flood. No one could tell the outcome. It was too late. The drive had started. The flood was the worst ever known there. The logs swept along like straws. They could not be guided into the booms. Three million feet of logs, floated by, piled up on shores, lodged here and there and many swept out into the Mississippi. Hanks was given the job of gathering these together and making rafts of them to be floated down to St. Louis to be sawed there. He herded the logs into strings, bound them together with birch bows and burr-oak staples over the boughs the ends of which went into auger holes in the logs and fastened by pins being driven in. He fortified it all. No one had ever before made a log raft containing more than a dozen logs. He strung lines across the raft and across from corner to corner lengthwise and hauled them taut with windlasses. He made six such rafts, six strings wide and about six hundred feet long. Then, to his utter delight, he was made pilot on one of these.

(To be continued.)

Thomas Hanks

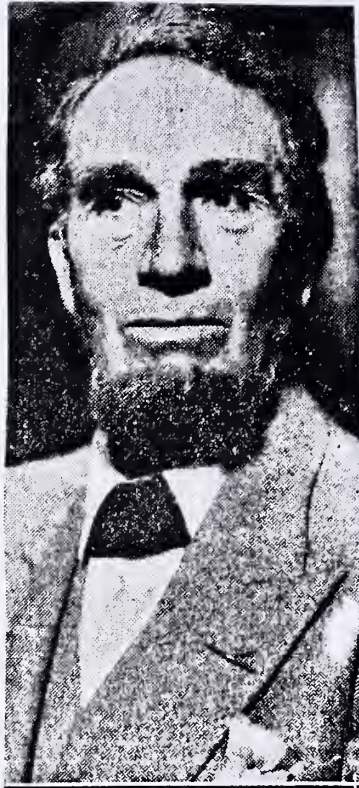
NEWS - 9-5-23

Lincoln's Kin



—By News Staff Photographer.

CHARLES ROSCOE MILES, who looks very much like Lincoln, comes by his resemblance naturally, for he is a grandnephew of Nancy Hanks, mother of the Great Emancipator. On his way to West Virginia to see the grave of his parents, Miles, who lives at Long Beach, Calif., stopped in Detroit over Labor Day. Like Lincoln, he was born in a log cabin, and in his youth cleared forests, built log cabins, split rails and made ox yokes. His mother was Mary Amelia Peppers Miles, daughter of Mary Hanks, who was a sister of Nancy Hanks. Miles gives lectures and impersonations before schools, luncheon clubs and patriotic groups. He said that once he was offered the leading role in a Lincoln picture, but refused because he would not play in a scene where Lincoln drank from a whiskey keg. Miles said he started to let his beard grow in 1928, when he was 56.



Lincoln Relative Who Resembles Martyr Is World's Fair Visitor

(Picture on back page.)

Charles R. Miles of Long Beach, Cal., who is a second cousin of Abraham Lincoln and bears a striking resemblance to the martyred President, yesterday explained why he had refused to play the part of Lincoln in motion pictures.

"I wouldn't play the part in the picture, 'Abraham Lincoln,' because the director wanted me to sit on the floor, roll a whisky barrel, and say, 'I'll drink mine from a spigot,'" Mr. Miles said, "and I know that Lincoln never took liquor except for medicinal purposes."

Mr. Miles and his wife, Katherine, are staying at 3443 North Marshfield avenue and are visiting the Fair.

LINCOLN KIN HERE.
Charles R. Miles, second cousin of Abraham Lincoln, visitor at Fair.

(Story on page 13.)

They plan to leave shortly for Washington, where they have been invited to dine with President Roosevelt.

Mr. Miles was born near Caldwell, O., on Nov. 21, 1871. He is a grandson of Mary Hanks, who was a sister of Nancy Hanks, the mother of Lincoln. He was acquainted with Robert Lincoln, the President's son. Like Lincoln, Mr. Miles worked in the backwoods and is self-educated. He had not grown a beard, which causes the striking resemblance to Lincoln, until 1928, when the G. A. R. urged him to do so and bestowed on him the title of "Father Abraham." Mr. Miles has six children.

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Club Series Lecture.

Katherine Peabody Girling will speak at 11 o'clock this morning in the court of the Hall of Science in another of A Century of Progress programs sponsored by the Chicago Woman's club in cooperation with the National Council of Women. Mrs. Girling's subject will be "Women in Literature."

*Grandson
Mary Sparrow?*

EASTER SUNDAY WILL RECALL FOND MEMORIES OF RIDE WITH LINCOLN TO CHURCH FOR MRS. FRANCES BAKER

Easter Sunday a small woman who has witnessed the passing of 91 Easters plans to find her place in the congregation at the Blackwell Nazarene church.

Upon this occasion her mind will recall an Easter day 79 years ago when she rode seven miles on horseback behind a tall, lean, homely man who was known as "Abe" to his many friends. They attended the services at the small community church in Marlon county, Ill. The man, a cousin of the girl, was none other than Abraham Lincoln.

The girl now is Mrs. Frances Baker, 92, who is making her home in Blackwell with her daughter, Mrs. Effie Hardin, 111 West Lawrence avenue.

Mrs. Baker's mother before her marriage to Charles E. Nichols was Adeline Arnold of Alabama, a niece of Nancy Hanks, mother of Lincoln. Mrs. Baker was born November 9, 1842, in Marion county, Ill.

Nichols, father of Mrs. Baker, was born in Hardin county, Kentucky, near the Lincoln birthplace a month before the great emancipator's birth. The two were schoolmates and great friends.

Nichols later settled in Marion county, Ill., and Lincoln visited the home many times, often staying as long as three months helping with the farming, splitting rails and doing other work.

Lincoln became greatly attached to Mrs. Baker, who then was little Frances Nichols. The great humanitarian early "dubbed" her with the name "Sister," which he continued to call her until his death.

While in Washington serving as president of the United States and confronted with the Herculean task of keeping belligerent states united, he seldom failed to communicate with "Sister" weekly. In one of his letters Lincoln, a devout Christian, begged "Sister" to pray to God to give him the wisdom to adjust the negro problem in the right manner.

When possible Lincoln visited the Nichols household, even though it were only long enough to greet "Sister" and other members of the family. He did so during his fiery debates with Stephan A. Douglas, as a rising young lawyer, and paid one visit after he became chief executive of the turbulent union.

Two days before his death on April 15, 1865, "Sister" received a picture of the great emancipator and with it was money with which to have it framed. Lincoln requested that she have her picture placed in the same frame with his, but she did not. This picture now is hung in the Nazarene church.

Immediately after the tragic death of the president "Sister," who then was 23 years old, was called to meet the body, which



Mrs. Frances Baker

was being sent to his home in Springfield, Ill., for burial. At the station a Washington official and close friend of the deceased president rushed up to the young woman and said: "You are Sister. I have your picture which Lincoln gave to me."

"Sister and her family attended the funeral services for the beloved statesman. They were an infinite part of the vast throng which paid final tribute to the great man and friend.

Mrs. Baker recalls the Easter day when she rode behind "Abe" on horseback.

"We were jogging along and suddenly Abe stopped," she said. "He heard a faint cry of some animal in distress. He dismounted and I with him, and we discovered that a small pig had fallen into a deep well-like hole.

"Abe went to a nearby farm house and told the farmer of the pig's predicament. The farmer said: 'Yes, I know, he has been there a week.' Lincoln borrowed a ladder, placed it in the hole and climbed into the pit and rescued the pig.

"The pig was taken, after church, to the Nichols home, where after a week of feeding it gained strength and was returned to its owner. Abe couldn't see a living creature suffer."

In these days the church service was the only form of joint religious activity. There were no Sunday schools or young people's classes. Lincoln sensed this keenly and said that something must be done to organize a group for the young people.

Through his aid a young

ple's group was formed. Each member was to memorize a portion of scripture and recite it at the first meeting. Some one said, "But how can 'Sister' learn her passage, her eyes are not very good."

Lincoln said, "I'll wager that 'Sister' will be one of the first to memorize her passage. Lincoln helped her to learn her passage, which she remembers yet, 'I thank the Lord for the great gift that He gives to all that would believe and receive. He gives us joy and satisfaction and turns our wayward feet towards heaven and guides our feet along the rugged way.'"

Mrs. Baker stated that Lincoln was a cheerful, humorous and loving character, that often he sang while at work and entertained the family with colorful yarns.

In the spring months after farmers had planted their crops thoughts turned to the "camp" meeting, where inhabitants of the surrounding countryside gathered to partake in the "old time" religion.

Lincoln was generally found in the midst of the group busily at work helping to erect the "meeting" house.

Shortly after the death of Lincoln, Nichols sold his interest in Illinois and turned toward Kansas. His was a part of the caravan of 23 wagons that made the long rough trip to the Sunflower state.

The family settled near Oswego in 1867. After this time the grown daughter of Charles Nichols had some interesting experiences with Indian girls in the embryonic state of Oklahoma.

A devout Christian, Mrs. Baker did some missionary work on her own accord. She told the Indian girls about the great "White" Father and soon was a staunch friend of the Redskin lasses. Often she ate with them in their tepees, and it was a source of disappointment to many of the girls when they learned that their white friend was about to be married.

Fearing the future bridegroom would take their friend and minister away from them they called him "Scena-Yo-Necca," (loosely constructed), which in their language meant, "mean white man."

During the course of years Mrs. Baker has lived in McAlester, Muskogee, Watonga, Shawnee and other Oklahoma towns.

Today at 92 she takes daily walks, sometimes a mile in length. She attends church and Sunday school services each Sunday, and recently was named on the honor-roll of the Nazarene Sunday school, for her almost perfect record.

Her mother died at the age of 100 years, three months and 15 days.

After 92 years of living Mrs. Baker says, "Life is good. Life itself is rich, and is further enriched by faith."

Sunday, March 18, 1934

BLACKWELL SUNDAY TRIBUNE

Lincoln's Cousin Recalls Early Days

92-Year Old Woman Knew Abe Better Than Anyone Today

Mrs. Frances Baker, 92-year-old pioneer Oklahoman living at Blackwell, knew Abraham Lincoln perhaps better than any other person living in the United States today.

The "Great Emancipator" was her cousin.

She became acquainted with Lincoln, whom she calls "Abe," when she was a girl in Illinois, and remembers vividly riding on the back of a horse with him to an Easter service in 1855. Lincoln called her "sister," she says.

Mrs. Baker at that time was Frances Nichols, whose mother, before her marriage, was Adeline Arnold, a niece of Lincoln's celebrated mother, Nancy Hanks.

Lincoln frequently had visited in the Nichols' home, and after he became President, often wrote letters to Mrs. Baker. In one of them, he begged her to pray God that he would have wisdom to adjust the Negro problem in a proper manner.

Two days before he was assassinated, Lincoln sent Mrs. Baker his photograph, which she has presented to the Nazarene Church at Blackwell. She was notified to meet the body which was being sent to Springfield, Ill., for burial.

One story of the Emancipator's kindness she tells frequently to demonstrate his kindly character.

"We were jogging along when suddenly Abe heard a faint squealing noise, and stopped," she relates.

"We began a search and found a small pig in the bottom of a deep well. Abe notified the farmer in a house nearby, but the man answered he knew the pig had been there for a week.

"Abe borrowed a ladder, climbed into the pit and rescued the pig. After church we took the pig home where it was fed and later returned to its owner."

She described Lincoln as a "cheerful, humorous and loving character. He often sang while working, and always was entertaining the family with his yarns."

Mrs. Baker, who hopes to live to 100 as did her mother, came to Kansas with her parents shortly after Lincoln's death, and did missionary work among the Indians, living at a number of Oklahoma towns.

She is living with her daughter, Mrs. Effie Hardin.

Charles Roscoe Miles

making side of name

Cousin of Abraham Lincoln Speaks At Rotary Meeting

William A. Simonds of Henry Ford's Greenfield Village spoke on the many interesting displays at the Village at the East Dearborn Rotary Club's meeting last Friday at the Dearborn Inn. Charles Roscoe Miles, cousin of former President Abraham Lincoln, was also a guest at the luncheon. He recited the "Gettysburg Address" and gave many intimate incidents in the life of Mr. Lincoln.

Mr. Simonds in his talk placed special emphasis on many displays connected with Thomas Edison since he has made an extensive study of the life of Edison and has just completed a new book entitled "Edison — His Life, His Work, His Genius." This latest literary effort of Mr. Simonds is now off the press and is receiving immediate appreciation.

Mr. Miles comes by his relationship to Abe Lincoln by reason of his grandmother being the sister to Nancy Hanks, Lincoln's mother. Mr. Miles recently traveled to Detroit in an old Studebaker automobile from his home in Long Beach, California to attend the State Convention of the Republican Party and was later introduced to Henry Ford.

The introduction was followed by an invitation to visit Mr. Ford at Greenfield Village. When he was stopped by police when entering the Village because they viewed his old car and peculiar manner of dress with alarm, he was rescued by Mr. Ford and told to drive his car on the lawn where it still stands. Plans are being made to erect a shed over it and make it a permanent part of the Village. Mr. Miles presented Mr. Ford with two canes said to have been property of the former president and a Ford V-8 sedan was returned for the gift.

Mr. Miles is gaunt of figure,

wears the famous Lincoln frock with string tie and has the silk style or top hat to complete the costume. He has allowed his beard to grow in the manner affected by President Lincoln and bears a remarkable resemblance to the latter.

He is at present the guest of Mr. Ford and is living and sleeping at the Clinton Inn at the Village. During the past week, Mr. Miles has been visiting a number of schools in Dearborn where he delivers the "Gettysburg Address" and tells of incidents generally unknown in the life of Lincoln.

Dearborn Independent

Fri Oct - 19-1934

Frank, William, Scott & Alvin

Portland Resident, Lincoln Descendant, Succumbs Tuesday

Pt. Wayne Journal

(Special to The Journal-Gazette)

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—Mrs. Ida Jane Journey, 75, wife of Joseph R. Journey, died early Tuesday morning at her home one mile south of Portland. She was a descendant of Gen. Winfield Scott and her father was a cousin of Abraham Lincoln. Surviving are the husband; one son, Raymond; one sister, Mrs. William Myers, east of Portland, and four brothers, Frank Hanks of New Mt. Pleasant, William Scott Hanks of Muncie, Alvin Hanks of northeast of Portland and Gus A. Hanks of southwest of Portland. The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon from the residence in charge of Dr. H. N. Ronald, assisted by Rev. H. T. Neve. Burial will be made in the Liber cemetery.

PAID ADMITS

THE LINCOLN NATIONAL LIFE
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CHICAGO (E. E. BESSER, JR.) OFFICE

LINCOLN NATIONAL
MAIL DEPARTMENT

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LIFE INSURANCE CO.

TO Dr. Louis Warren

DATE May 22, 1935.

SUBJECT

Dear Dr. Warren:

4 —
I had a very interesting visit with Mr. Harry H. Hanks, 5854 East Circle Avenue, Norwood Park Chicago. Mr. Hanks great grandfather was the brother of Nancy Hanks. He has some very interesting documents which would no doubt be of great interest to you. I should very much like to arrange your meeting him as I believe he has some material that appears to contradict some of the articles in Lincoln Lore in reference to Nancy Hanks.

6 —
Will you kindly see that he is sent Lincoln Lore.

5 —
Also please send Lincoln Lore to Mr. John L. Steffen, 6096 Newburg Avenue, Chicago. Mr. Steffen is one of our largest policyholders and an intimate friend of Mr. Hanks.

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Sincerely,

Edwin E. Besser, Jr.

EEB/EK

May 23, 1935

Mr. John L. Steffen
6086 Newburg Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Steffen:

We are advised by our representative, Mr. Besser, that you would like to receive the publication which we publish from week to week called Lincoln Lore.

You will please find enclosed a few copies of the bulletin and we take pleasure in placing your name on our mailing list through the courtesy of Mr. Besser.

Very truly yours,

LAW:LH

Director

May 23, 1935

Mr. E. E. Besser, Jr.
Chicago Office

My dear Mr. Besser:

It is very kind of you indeed to advise us about the information in the hands of Mr. Harry H. Hanks, 5854 E. Circle Avenue, Chicago.

Of course, we would be intensely interested in learning what documents Mr. Hanks has in his possession although it is very well confirmed that Nancy Hanks did not have any brothers.

We will be very glad indeed to place Mr. Hanks on our mailing list and also add the name of Mr. John L. Steffen.

Thank you very much for advising us of the Hanks date; we would like very much to have a conference with Mr. Hanks.

Very truly yours,

LAW:LH

Director

May 23, 1935

Mr. Harry H. Hanks
5854 East Circle Avenue
Norwood Park
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Hanks:

I was very much interested in receiving from our Chicago representative, Mr. Besser, the statement to the effect that you had available some documents relating to the Hanks family.

We have here in our collection probably the largest compilation of Hanks data in America, having some two or three thousand letters and genealogical blanks of the family gathered as early as 1890.

We will be intensely interested in any documents which you have which may contribute further information to the family from which Nancy Hanks came.

We are taking the liberty of enclosing some bulletins on the Hanks family and also placing your name on our mailing list to receive the Lincoln Lore publication from week to week.

I trust we may have an opportunity to meet some time and talk over the history of the family which is of intense interest to us here.

Very truly yours,

LAW:LH
Enc.

Director

September 4, 1935

Mr. Harry H. Hanks
5854 East Circle Avenue
Norwood Park
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Hanks:

Some time ago I wrote you with reference to the material you have gathered about the Hanks family.

You might be interested to know that just recently I returned from Virginia and was able to gather several more interesting documents about the Hanks family which we believe originated in Amelia County.

I would be very glad to learn what data you have been able to gather as we are anxious to compile here such information on the family of Lincoln's mother as is available.

Very truly yours,

LAW:LH

Director

Rockport Baby Relative of Lincoln; One of Ancestors Was Half-Brother Of Nancy Hanks, President's Mother

Boy Born Five Weeks Ago to
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Noble, Jr.,
Named Jerry Don Hanks;
Great Grandmother in Clover-
port Was Granddaughter of
William Hanks

BLOOD THAT FLOWED through the veins of the immortal Abraham Lincoln helps to give life to the little heart of the infant pictured above in his father's arms. Will that blood feed this heart, too, to greatness?

The infant is the latest relative of Lincoln to arrive in Spencer county, where Lincoln spent his boyhood and young manhood years. He arrived five weeks ago at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Noble, jr. He is named Jerry Don Hanks Noble, the third name from the family of which Lincoln was an illustrious son.

Little Jerry's father is the grandson of Mrs. Emma Hanks Weisenberg of Cloverport, Ky. Emma Hanks Weisenberg was the daughter of William Hanks, whose father, also named William Hanks, was a half-brother of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, mother of the emancipator.

Little Jerry, pictured in the arms of his father, was too busy with the business of sleeping to care about having his picture taken. His mother, who before her marriage was Miss Esther Bufkins of Boonville, washed his face three times with cold water in an effort to get him wide awake for the photographer. But the infant merely rubbed its closed eyes with two tiny clenched little fists, smiled and yawned and went on sleeping.



JERRY NOBLE, JR., AND SON JERRY

Mrs. Emma Hanks Weisenberg, who has lived in Cloverport for 42 years, says she has papers to prove her relationship to Nancy Hanks Lincoln. Her twin brother, Charles Hanks, also lives in Cloverport.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Noble, jr., live in Rockport. Jerry Don Hanks is their first child.

Abraham Lincoln lived in Spencer county from the time he was seven years old until he was 21. His mother lies buried on a wooded knoll in what is now a beautiful state park named as a memorial to her. Lincoln in his boyhood at times walked the 17 miles from his home to Rockport to borrow books.

Topeka Kansas

Pilectus

Feb 12 - 1936

Dr Louis Warren

Your visit in Topeka several months past where you lectured at the Jr Chamber of Commerce also at the Topeka High School acquainted me with the fact that you were a leader in Lincoln research.

I was at that time unable to get in touch with you as you had gone on to Wichita.

My great grandmother being a cousin of Abraham Lincoln's mother my father ~~now~~ nearing his 80th birthday was born in Gentryville Indiana and is in possession of a cane made from a choice piece of hickory given him at the death of his father, who made the cane from a rail Lincoln split and gave him, my father's family

once lived in the old Lincoln home there.

I have an aunt also nearing her 84th birthday living in Indianapolis who might be able to give you some valuable information as ~~my~~ father here in Topeka could also.

My fathers parents came to Ind. from Kentucky and their name was Gaines

Of course I am very much interested to trace my connections more accurately but have never did so not knowing just how to go about it

Father remembers when he and some other small boys carried the news of Lincoln's death to old Nat Grigby. mentioned in History.
"I have just finished reading Emil Ludwigs book Lincoln"

Should you be interested write to me and I will give you any information I can, also the address of the Aunt in Indiana and my father in Topeka

Mrs F. G. Devin
Nee Nancy Gaines.

December 3, 1936

Mrs. Rita Wilkinson Cox
Galax, Virginia

My dear Mrs. Cox:

I have recently returned from a research trip in Bedford County, Virginia and some of the adjacent counties in which I have been trying to locate the forebears of Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

I am wondering if you can give me any information about the origin of the Hanks family from which you are descended, the name of the first and earliest Hanks of which you know and where he lived. We are especially interested, if possible, in finding who the James Hanks was that is said to have married Lucy Shipley in Amelia or Bedford County, Virginia, and passed away leaving Lucy, the widow, with an orphan child by the name of Nancy Hanks who became the mother of Abraham Lincoln.

I should be very glad indeed for any information that is available.

Yours very truly

LAW:LH

Director

Frank E. Green

to meet it.

3/4/38

Lincoln's Cousin Dies at Fort

FT. ATKINSON, ^{Wis.} Frank E. Green, 75, operator of a feed and fuel business here 31 years, died in his home Monday. Mr. Green was a seventh cousin by direct descent of Abraham Lincoln. He was a telegraph operator in the younger days. Survivors are the widow, a son and daughter. Funeral services will be Thursday.

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INSURANCE COMPANY

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

SALT LAKE CITY OFFICE

TO Mr. Louis A. Warren, Director
Lincoln National Life Foundation.

DATE Sept. 27, 1938

SUBJECT

Dear Dr. Warren:

An Aged Aunt of mine, Nancy Hornbeck, living in Indianapolis, has advised that a Great Uncle of mine married a sister of Nancy Hanks, and it was after this Great Uncle that Lincoln was named. His first name was Abraham, but I do not know what his last name was. I am trying to find out some information in this connection and wondered if you might have anything or could tell me from whence I could obtain it.

Anything you could tell me would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Bessie Hornbeck Anderson

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October 4, 1938

Bulla Hornbeck Anderson
salt Lake City Office

My dear Madam:

I regret exceedingly that I can be of little assistance to you so far as identifying your great uncle for whom it is alleged Abraham Lincoln was named.

There must be some mistake with reference to your great uncle having married a sister of Nancy Hanks as Nancy Hanks was an only child. However, there is probably some relationship there somewhere and we would be just as much interested in learning about it as you would.

Can you give us any leads at all which would allow us to learn more about the family. Suppose you write to your aunt and get all the information she has, then we will see what we can do to help you locate this great uncle.

Very truly yours,

LAW:BS

Director

Joshua - James R Hanks

20th Century Nancy Hanks

This Memorial Day Has Special Significance For
Great-Grandniece Of Lincoln's Mother.

Memorial day this year assumes a special significance for Nancy Jean Hanks, 707 South Second street, a junior at Springfield High school, with the world premiere of "Young Mr. Lincoln" at the Fox-Lincoln theatre tonight.

Miss Hanks, slightly more than 15 years of age, is a great-great-granddaughter of Joshua Hanks, brother of Nancy Hanks, who was the mother of Abraham Lincoln. She is probably the only girl in the United States who can lay claim to the name with a correct genealogical record aligning her with the martyred president.

The young woman was born at Beardstown, July 23, 1923, the daughter of Hardin and Hazel Hanks. Her grandfather was James R. Hanks. At present she resides with her mother in this city where Mrs. Hanks is employed as a secretary in the state department of agriculture. Her father is an attorney maintaining an office at Beardstown.

Nancy came to Springfield with her parents when she was less than 5 years old and attended pri-



—Photo by Herbert Georg.

NANCY JEAN HANKS.

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mary and secondary schools in this city with the exception of one period, 1937-38, when she was enrolled at Manual Arts High school in Los Angeles.

The namesake of Lincoln's mother, with a genuine fondness for drama and natural aptitude for acting, has taken part in many plays staged at school and is an accomplished vocalist. Within the week she will be featured in several songs at the recital of the A Cappella choir at Springfield High school. Of an athletic mind, she plays tennis and enjoys riding horseback. She weighs 115 pounds and is 5 feet 4 inches in height.

A blond Miss Hanks has unusual charm for a young woman and because of her perfect poise has frequently been selected as a fashion model.

Affable and good natured, Miss Hanks told a State Journal newsman "Ever since I can recall I have been conscious of the fact my name means something in Lincoln country. Why, sometimes the students at school even call me 'Abe.'"

Miss Hanks is widely read on Lincoln lore and enjoys visits to the reconstructed village at New Salem and similar shrines. Of New Salem she said, "I have often felt a peculiar presence when I visit the pioneer cabins."

With her kinsman's younger life being presented in the Twentieth Century-Fox production, Miss Hanks is anxious to note the characteristics of the characters and to learn from the film what life during that period of Lincoln's life was in comparison with recantations she has heard from close associates of her family.

State Journal
5/30/39

Mary Hanks

Have Been Traveling
for a Bout 1 year
and have not Re-
ceived copies since
April 25-1928 sorry
That have not all
of the Back numbers
as I am second cousin
to Abraham Lincoln
Being maternal
Grand son of Mary

Hanks

Nancie's sister
Please send
copies 85-2 articles
at
Belflower Calif

7/1/29

Thanks

Please find inc
photo of me on Battle
field at Gettysburg
you may use it if
you choose Charles A. Miles

LINCOLN LORE MEMORANDUM

You have been on the LINCOLN LORE mailing list for some time, and we believe that you are interested in receiving the bulletins regularly. However, the last copies sent to you were returned, and we are wondering if your address has been changed.

We hesitate to discontinue sending LINCOLN LORE; but, if we do not hear from you, we shall assume that you are no longer interested in receiving the publication.

Please address reply to

Alvin Barry
Subscription Manager
LINCOLN LORE

*AM very much
Disappointed in not getting Copies sent
To me By you*

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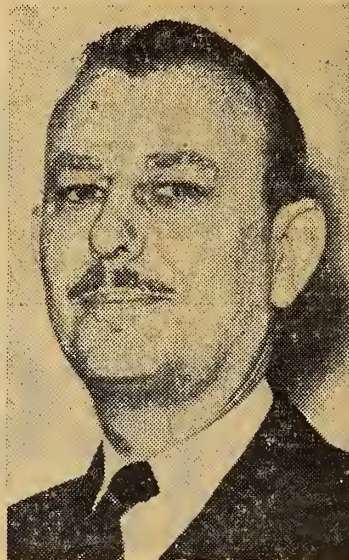
Charles Roscoe Miller
maternal grandson
of Mary Hanks



FEBRUARY 18, 1940

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For Congress



—State Journal Photo.

Attorney Hardin E. Hanks, Beardstown, yesterday formally entered the Republican congressional primary race in the Twentieth district, when he filed his petition in the office of Secretary of State Edward J. Hughes. Attorney Hanks, can trace the residence of the Hanks family in the Twentieth district back more than a century. His great-grandfather, Joshua Hanks, was a brother of Nancy Hanks, the mother of Abraham Lincoln, and settled in Greene county in 1818.

Mrs Lucy Grubb 1836

La Crosse, Wis., Tribune, Feb 18, 1940

Abraham Lincoln's Relative, Oldest Viroqua Woman Is 94

Viroqua, Wis. — (Special) — Thursday was the 94th birthday anniversary of Mrs. Lucy Grubb, Viroqua's oldest woman.

Friends held a party for her at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. Olaf Hanson. Contemporaneous with the settlement and growth of Viroqua is the life of this remarkable woman who is of the same family-tree as the illustrious Nancy Hauks, mother of Abraham Lincoln.

Mrs. Grubb seems endowed with the sturdy and industrious traits of Nancy Hanks. She is never idle

and at the party Thursday busied herself with quilt blocks. Through the summer she took care of a fine garden, picked strawberries from her patch and canned them and dried corn, apples and pumpkin for winter use.

She was especially happy on her birthday that her daughter, Mrs. Edna Post had returned home from a hospital in time for the party. Coming here at the age of three years, Mrs. Grubb has watched Viroqua grow from a few cabins in the wilderness to a beautiful and prosperous city.

***Fourth Cousin of Lincoln
Dies at 92 in Logan, Ia.***

Logan, Ia., April 27 [Special].—Mrs. Sarah Adeline Dakan, 92 years old, fourth cousin of Abraham Lincoln, will be buried here tomorrow. She met Lincoln when her family visited relatives in Illinois.

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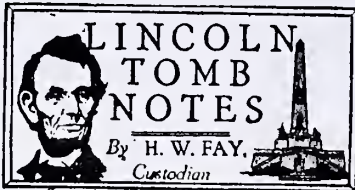
A Cousin of Abraham Lincoln

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Backman and two daughters of Davenport, Iowa, and Mrs. Geo. Schutter of Pleasant Valley, Iowa, have been guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Folk. The ladies are sisters of Mr. Folk.

They brought a picture and sketch of David Warren Hanks of Princeton, Iowa. He was a second cousin of Abraham Lincoln and celebrated his 90th birthday last Sunday.

He was born near Albany, Illinois, where he spent his boyhood and received his early education. He is a talented violinist and still devotes some time daily to practice. He taught in the Princeton schools several years.

Our townsman, John Folk of the Folk restaurant on M-40 knows Mr. Hanks well. He had a restaurant in Princeton before coming to Decatur.



Sept. 4 - 1942
About 400 callers registered at Lincoln's tomb yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lamb of Rockford were the first to register.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sterling Ward and daughter of Washington, D. C., got much out of their visit. He is the president of the Wilderness society. They could not leave without seeing articles here that they hear about in Washington.

R. C. Keyes aged 94, who knew Lincoln, brought out some letters that especially interested guests who had met Mr. Keyes at the tomb. These letters by the thousands generally come from guests who meet some one who has had some personal touch with Lincoln—such as having met him, see something he wrote, things he owned, touched something that Lincoln touched, or somebody who had shaken Lincoln's hand or talked with some Lincoln authority. The guests always enjoy an interview with Mr. Keyes.

Robert Taylor, of the state museum, brought out friends from Cleveland, O. Mr. Taylor has taken considerable interest in the tomb exhibit.

David W. Hanks, aged 92 years, Princeton, Ia., registered. After his name he wrote "Second cousin of Abraham Lincoln."

Jessie Milkerec brought a group from Peoria.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

In that Church of God Sunday school paper we found this story:

Abraham Lincoln when a youth said: "I will study and work hard and get ready, and maybe my chance will come." When he soiled his hands and his clothes to release a pig fastened in a fence, when he climbed a tree to replace a tiny bird that had fallen from its nest, he was developing his ability to forget himself for the welfare and happiness of other beings. At last his chance came and he was ready. He poured out his great life to redeem a race.

Lincoln's mother was Nancy Hanks and Rosa Osborn of Hamilton township is a Hanks. Her mother's grandmother was Nancy's sister. That is the way we remember it. Mrs. Osborn once had the family Bible which contains the record and we have been reminding her quite often that she should bring it in, but at the last reminder she said she could not find it.

She was born in New York and her family name was Lawton. The Lawtons located in Lawrence when she was a little girl,—fifty, sixty, maybe seventy years ago.

Away back in the years of the century that is past, when Lincoln's birthday was celebrated in Lawrence or when the village staged a Fourth of July celebration, the Lawton family were accorded places of honor and the home town paper announced them as the only living relatives in this section of the state of the rail splitter who became the great emancipator and martyred president.

If Rosa can find that family Bible she promises to bring it straight to the Republican and a full account of it will appear in the following issue of this paper.

Marvin McWilliams offers an interesting contribution to this column that was sent him by the Hartford Fire Insurance Company of which he is agent. It is a fac-simile of the policy issued to Abraham Lincoln insuring his house in Springfield, Illinois.

The policy is dated February 8, 1861, three days before he left with his family to take up his duties as President of the United States. He

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never saw the home he had insured after that.

The insurance was against loss or damage by fire to the amount of \$3,200; \$3,000 on his frame two story dwelling house, \$75 on his frame carriage house, \$125 on his frame wood house and privy.

The premium paid was \$24 and the time covered was one year.

LINCOLN CHRONOLOGY

1806—Marriage of Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks, June 12th, Washington county, Kentucky.

1809—Born February 12th, Hardin (now LaRue) county, Kentucky.

1816—Family removed to Perry Co., Indiana.

1818—Death of Abraham's mother, Nancy Hanks Lincoln.

1819—Second marriage; Thomas Lincoln married Sally Bush Johnston, December 2nd, at Elizabethtown, Ky.

1830—Lincoln family removed to Illinois, locating in Macon county.

1831—Abraham located at New Salem.

1832—Abraham a captain in the Black Hawk war.

1833—Appointed postmaster at New Salem.

1834—Elected to state legislature.

1835—Love romance with Anne Rutledge.

1836—Second election to the legislature.

1837—Licensed to practice law.

1838—Third election to the legislature.

1840—Presidential elector on Harrison. Fourth election to the legislature.

1842—Married Nov. 4th to Mary Todd.

1843—Birth of Robert Todd Lincoln, August 1st.

1846—Elected to congress. Birth of Edward Baker Lincoln, March 10th.

1848—Delegate to Philadelphia National Convention.

1850—Birth of William Wallace Lincoln, December 2.

1853—Birth of Thomas Lincoln, April 4th.

1858—Joint debate with Stephen A. Douglas. Defeated for the United States Senate.

1860—Nominated and elected to the presidency.

1861—Inaugurated as president, March 4th.

1863—Issued Emancipation Proclamation.

1864—Re-elected to the presidency.

1865—Assassinated by J. Wilkes Booth, April 14th. Died April 15th. Remains interred at Springfield, Ill., May 4th.

—Furnished by Ollie Deuel, Glenwood.

Lincoln Kin Believed Oldest Vernon Resident

WESTBY, Wis.—Vernon county's oldest resident and a second cousin of Abraham Lincoln, is Mrs. Lucy Grubb, Westby, who celebrated her 97th birthday anniversary Feb. 15.

Her father, a pioneer blacksmith at Liberty Pole, was a first cousin of Nancy Hanks, mother of the Great Emancipator.

Arrives In Vernon

Mrs. Grubb came to Vernon county as a child of 3 when wild animals still roamed the countryside.

As she grew up she learned to spin her own yarn, knit her stockings, sew her dresses, and braid rugs from corn husks. Prairie du Chien at that time was the nearest trading post, and with oxen or horse-drawn wagon, it required a week's journey to purchase supplies there. The widely-scattered neighbors took turns going shopping for almost the entire population of the area, according to Mrs. Grubb.

Despite her advanced age, Mrs. Grubb is still active and an enthusiastic gardener and canner. She is now planning her victory garden.

Ran Boarding House

Last June she rode in a float in the Flag Day parade as grand-



Mrs. Lucy Grubb

mother of a serviceman and the county's oldest resident. Two great-grandsons accompanied her.

For 50 years Mrs. Grubb ran a boarding house here. Among one of her memories is being in Chicago at the time of the great fire in 1873.

J. E. LINDSAY, 1826-1915
J. B. PHELPS, 1840-1900
FRED WYMAN, 1857-1939

GEORGE F. LINDSAY
C. M. COCHRANE
EDWIN B. LINDSAY
DON J. HOLZINGER
BERNICE LANPHERE
ARLENE BASHAW

OFFICE OF
LINDSAY & PHELPS COMPANY
501 LANE BUILDING
DAVENPORT, IOWA

June 23, 1943

Dear Dr Warren:

Attached clipping is from local Davenport Times. I will try to run out and call on this old gent some time this afternoon. I visited him some years ago at his home in Princeton, up the river about 20 miles. He was born just across the Miss. from there in the town of Albany (Ill). He repeated the old family claim (and local legend) to the effect that Lincoln had surveyed that Albany. I knew at the time that it has been proven that the town of that name which Abe did survey and lay out was a town near Lincoln, Ill. and not this one at all. But I held my tongue and let the old fellow tell his story with local pride!

Last night I looked over a few copies of your 'Kinsman' series to see if this man's ~~name~~ ^{father} Samuel, were listed among the millions of Hankses. But could not locate him.

Maybe Judge Bollinger can be dragged away from his office long enough to go with me today to see this man, whom he has never yet seen.

And by the way, have YOU ever yet seen that new Tabernacle presided over by T.K. Smith in Columbus? I was there a few times last summer following its opening and dedication. A remarkable piece of work, even though an ODD one. I finally managed to get Will Irwin into the Springfield association, through a long-time personal acquaintance with him and his family.

Best regards: C.M. Cochrane

(And continued thanks for the LORE).

**David W. Hanks
Will Be Honored
On 93rd Birthday**

Wednesday, June 23, will mark the 93rd birthday of David Hanks of Princeton, Ia. A family dinner will be served at the home of a son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs A. M. Diemer of 2510 Farnam street, Davenport. In the group will be another daughter of Mr Hanks, Mrs George Pinneo, and her husband of Princeton, Ia., **David Hanks** with whom he resides.



Mr Hanks, whose father, Samuel Hanks, was a cousin of Abraham Lincoln, was born in Albany, Ill., and came to Iowa when 16 years of age. Mr Hanks, who was formerly a teacher in Buffalo and Pleasant Valley, is an accomplished violinist and one of his hobbies has been collecting and repairing violins. He organized the first orchestra in the Pleasant Valley community in 1896.

Mr Hanks has two granddaughters, Mrs C. C. Harris of Indianapolis, Ind., the former Miss Juliette Diemer, and Miss Betty Hanks, who resides in Florida.

Hanks

June 25, 1943

Mr. C. M. Cochran
Lindsay & Phelps Co.
501 Lane Bldg.
Davenport, Iowa

My dear Mr. Cochran:

It was good to hear from you and we especially pleased to have the newspaper clipping with the picture of David Hanks.

I have not as yet had an opportunity to visit the new Tabernacle at Columbus but hope to do so one of these days. Glad you were able to get Will Irwin into the Springfield association.

Very truly yours,

LAW:vff

1-27-44
Cousin of Abraham

Lincoln Dead at 74

OMRO, Wis.—(P)—Mrs. Laura Larson, 74, a distant cousin of Abraham Lincoln, died Tuesday at the home of a daughter. Mrs. Larson's grandfather, Absalom Hanks, was a first cousin of Nancy Hanks, Lincoln's mother. Mrs. Larson was born at Chenoa, Ill., and came to Wisconsin in 1916, settling near New London. Funeral services will be held Saturday.

MARCH, 1944

Lincoln Insurance Co.
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Gentlemen:

When my sister, of 4529 Weisser Park Avenue, Fort Wayne Indiana was married several years ago, a piece appeared in the Journal-Gazette of that city announcing the fact and also that she was the direct relative of Abraham Lincoln, in that her father (and mine) Silas Franklin, of Hodginsville, Ky. was the son of Sarah Hanks, sister of Lincoln's mother, Nancy Hanks. I would be more than happy to find that I was the direct relative of that great man. My father, if I remember correctly was a member of the 54th Vol. Ky. Infantry. He often spoke about Abe Lincoln so personally but I being a kid gave it not a second thought at that time.

I am sure you must have all the lore on Abe Lincoln and would appreciate it greatly if you could throw some light on the matter. I feel sure you would be officialy correct ~~xxxx~~ in your findings.

My sister's name is Mrs. Bessie Franklin Balsiger, of ~~452x~~ 4529 Weisser Park Avenue, Fort Wayne, Ind..

Thank you kindly,

John H. Franklin
John H. Franklin
10 Parry Avenue
Highland Falls, N.Y..

March 2, 1944

Mr. John H. Franklin
10 Parry Avenue
Highland Falls, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Franklin:

I regret exceedingly that I do not find any Franklin name associated very closely with the Lincolns and especially through the Hanks' marriages. You will please find attached a copy of a bulletin which gives practically all of the Hanks' relatives. I do not find the name of Sarah who married Franklin. I will be pleased to advise you if we do run across the name.

Very truly yours,

LAW:vff

Director

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Mar 11 1940
Mr. Louis A. Warren

Mr. Wayne Hall

Dear Mr. Warren

The enclosed snapshot was sent me from Easton
Md. by our consultant sculptor Lee Lawrie. He writes:
"I am enclosing several snapshots of a friend of my wife's -
Myron Hanks Lincoln, his grandfather was a cousin of
Nancy Hanks & although his father is a Lincoln he does not
know of any Lincoln relationship. Mother (Lincoln) has
always thought Myron's profile & especially her nose is like
Abraham Lincoln's."

Is there any way of tracing things?
I should value your suggestions.
With my best thanks

Sincerely yours

Phil. Allen



March 17, 1943

Mr. Richard Lieber
The Indiana Lincoln Union
Indianapolis, Indiana

My dear Mr. Lieber:

I feel I am not going to be able to help you very much with the Hanks ancestry of Myra Hanks Linkin.

Here is one clue, however, in the attached bulletin which may be of assistance. There is a Mrs. Myra Hank Rudolph who lives in Warren, Ohio, a wife of Dr. Rudolph who has done considerable work on one branch of the Hanks family. The common name Myra might have had a similar origin. You might write to Mrs. Rudolph if you care to, although the name Linkin does not appear in the little genealogical table of the family which is included in the bulletin.

I regret exceedingly I was not able to be present at the annual program on Lincoln's Birthday held at Lincoln City but was out of the State for the entire month of February.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB
Enc.

Director

Held/ 9

Tulsa, Okla.
Feb, 1948

Louis J. Warren:
Director:

Dear Sir:

Some time back
I wrote you concerning some
information of G. Lincoln's
ancestry.

You were on a tour
and your secretary
answered my letter but
couldn't give me the
exact truth, so again I'll
write hoping you can
enlighten me on the matter.

My Grandmother whose
name was Sophia Jane Raymote
says she was related to Lincoln
on his mother side of the family
tree. I have some pictures
of the "Rays" who to us

resembles G. Lincoln very much.

If I'm not mistaken
she says her grandmother
and Lincoln's mother or his
aunt were sisters.

Thanking you again
for your trouble.

Yours truly.

Mrs. J. W. Cherblanc

18 E. Independence

Tulsa, Okla.

April 5, 1948

Mrs. J.D. Cherblanc
18 East Independence
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Madam:

We have made rather a thorough search here for the name of Sophia Jane Mote among our records, but find no relative of Nancy Hanks Lincoln by that name, although there is a possibility of course that we may have escaped it.

You will please find attached a list of the closer relatives of Abraham Lincoln's mother.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EB
Enc.

Director

9
1715 North Ross St.,
Santa Ana, California.,

May 21st, 1948.

Dr. Louis A. Warren:
The Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Warren:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter received some time ago, and also the booklet on the "Hanks family" which I was very glad to get. I have read same over very carefully, and I find a great deal of interesting information is contained therein relative to my ancestors.

It seems as the times havent changed very much, as far as pelitics is concerned. It is amusing to read the well phrased letters alleged tp be written by back-woods boys who were supposed to have only a very limited education. It would be interesting to know just who were the actual authors of these letters.

It is a well know fact in our family that my Great-grandmother "Nancy Hanks Miller" was a staunch democrat, and remained so up to the time of her death, althe, she did think most highly of her cousin "Abe", and befriended him in many ways during her life time. She told my father personally more than 75 years ago, that cousin "Abe" was a fine man, and the only thing wrong with him, was that he was a REPUBLICAN.

I am enclosing "Great-grandmothers picture", and after it has served its purpose, I will be glad to have you return same to me, as this is the only picture we have of her.

When I was talking to you here in Santa Ana, I recall you mentioned about some letters that had been written by Great-grandmother Miller. I would like very much to see them or at least copy's of them, if this could be arranged.

I am also very much interested in the Hanks family tree, and the unknown Hanks ancestry. If you have any further pamphlets on the Hanks family, I would be more than pleased to receive same.

Entertaining the hope that I will hear from you again at your convenience, I remain

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Charles Hindley
Mrs. Charles Hindley:
1715 North Ross St.,
Santa Ana, California.,

June 9, 1948

Mrs. Charles Hindley
1715 North Ross Street
Santa Ana, California

My dear Mrs. Hindley:

We were very happy indeed to have the picture of Mrs. Miller and it is a very fine one indeed. I am wondering if you would have any objection to our having it copied. I am sure that the photographer would be very careful of it and I think it is a picture which should be preserved by more than one copy.

If you have no objection I wish you would give me permission to have a copy made of it.

I think I am going to be able to find some letters in which you will be interested and will be pleased to have them photostated; however, I am just now getting ready to make a short trip to Coronado so it will be about ten days before I can have the photography work done, if you are willing to have a copy made.

It was a pleasure indeed to meet you at Santa Ana and I hope in working together we may be able to get a better picture of the Hanks genealogy as it relates to Abraham Lincoln.

Very truly yours,

LAW:EBB

Director

June 6, 1949

Mrs. Charles Hindley
1715 North Ross Street
Santa Ana, California

Dear Mrs. Hindley:

I hope you will not feel that we have been negligent in writing you with respect to the picture of Mrs. Miller, which you kindly forwarded almost a year ago.

I did want to have a copy made of it if you had no objection, and so wrote you on June 9, 1948, but I have not received your mission.

If you prefer not to have me make a copy of it, would you kindly advise me and I will return the picture at once, but, if you have no objection, if you will let me know, I will have a copy made and then return the picture.

Very truly yours,

KAW:EB

Director

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1715 North Ross St,
Santa Ana, Calif.,

June 8th, 1949.

Dr. Louis A. Warren,
Director,
The Lincoln National Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Dear Dr. Warren:-

I have your letter of June 6th, 1949,
relative to the picture of my Great-Grandmother "Nancy
Hanks Miller", which I sent you over a year ago.

I do not recall receiving a letter from
you under date of June 9, 1948, in regards to this matter,
however, when I sent you the photo, I took it for granted
you were to make a copy of same, and most assuredly you
have my permission to do so now.

When I talked with you here in Santa Ana,
you made mention of the fact that you had some letters
written by my Great-Grandmother, and I was wondering if
you could give me some copies of these letters. I hav'nt
had the time to do much re-search in late years, but I am
still very much interested in finding out anything new about
the "Hanks" strain. I would like to know for sure, if "Nancy
Hanks Miller" was the daughter of "William Hanks" and "Elizabeth
Hall Hanks". I do ^{know} that my Great -Grandmother was a sister of
"John Hanks" who campaigned for his cousin Abraham Lincoln, and
it was he who gave Lincoln the name of the "Rail-splitter".

Do you have the addresses of the "Hanks" in
San Diego, Calif., and if so, I would like very much to have
same.

Thanking you for your recent letter, I remain

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Charles Hindley

Mrs. Charles Hindley:
1715 North Ross St,
Santa Ana, Calif.,

June 13, 1949

Mrs. Charles Hindley
1715 North Ross Street
Santa Ana, California

Dear Mrs. Hindley:

This is to advise you that
Dr. Warren is out of the office at present and
is expected back in about a month.

Upon his return I will bring
your letter to his attention.

Very truly yours,

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Secretary to Dr. Warren

October 27, 1950

Mrs. Charles Hindley
1715 North Ross Street
Santa Ana, California

My dear Mrs. Hindley:

I have just discovered in our collection of pictures a print, a photograph rather, of Nancy Hanks Miller which apparently belongs to you. I feel very much humiliated about this and I am writing first of all to find out if you are still residing at 1715 North Ross Street, Santa Ana, California. If so I will immediately send the photograph insured. Apparently you loaned this to me several years ago and it should have been returned long before this.

Very truly yours,

Director

LAW:JK

November 14, 1950

Mrs. Charles Hindley
1715 North Ross Street
Santa Ana, California

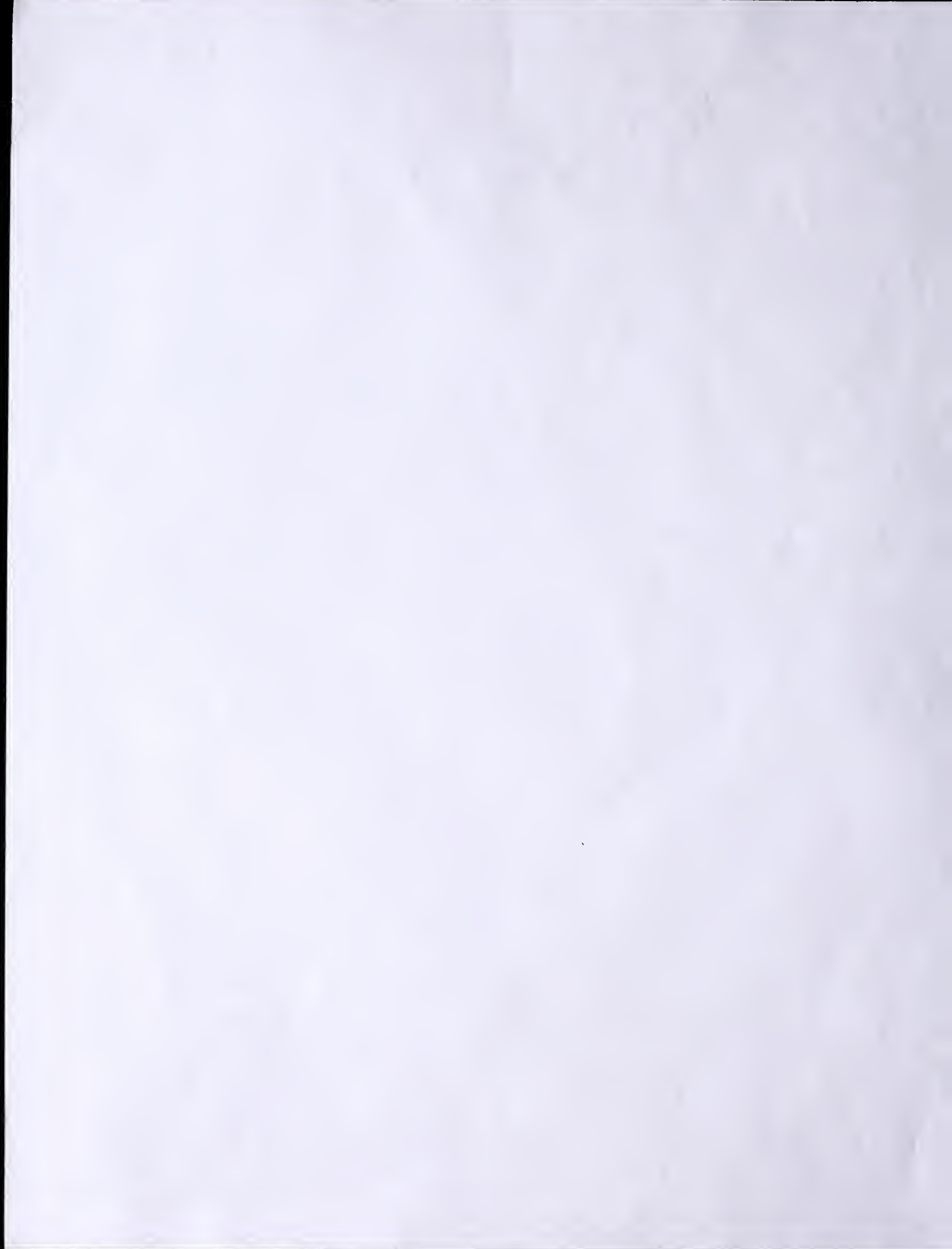
My dear Mrs. Hindley:

You will please find attached to this letter the picture which you so kindly loaned me many months ago and I am having this letter registered so to be sure that it reaches you safely. Thank you very much for the loan of it.

Very truly yours,

Director

LAW:JK
Enc.



Salem, Oregon
Sept 10 - 1949

Dr. Louis Warren,
Ft. Wayne, Ind.
Dear Sir:-

I just discovered the note
of inquiry from you about
my husband's connection
with Abraham Lincoln had
not been answered.

We haven't much of interest
to tell. - His grandmother
was Elizabeth Miller, of an old
Kentucky family, - born in 1819.

Her parents were William
and Nancy (Hanks) Miller,
the mother being a cousin
of Abraham Lincoln's mother
(Nancy Hanks) - The only story
he remembers was that
when the Lincoln children
had the measles, the family
sent Abe over to the Miller



home so he would escape
the measles, - She was ten
years younger & she said he
read all the time & she had
to bring in the wood for the
fire place, - which didn't
please her too well.

We have two photos of
Lincoln, - old fashioned &
about 3' x 6'. - I would say,

Nothing more that I
have heard them say, -
when reminiscing over
the stories of the old folks

Sincerely,

Mrs B. F. Wilkerson

340 Lancaster Drive
Salem, Oregon

Abe's In-Law Woulda' Liked Him Better as a Democrat

"Abe Lincoln was a nice man, if a mite headstrong—but I'd a liked him more if he'd been a Democrat like all the Kentucky Hankses always was."

So said Nancy Hanks Miller, first cousin of Nancy Hanks, Lincoln's mother, whose lore is carefully treasured by Mrs. Charles Hindley, 1715 North Ross, who is the great granddaughter of Mrs. Miller.

Lincoln's birthday Thursday, as always an occasion in the Hindley's Santa Ana home, is marked with especial interest because of their kinship with the Lincoln family.

"It was from my great grandmother, Nancy Hanks Miller that I heard many of the intimate, personal stories of Lincoln, some of which have never been printed by biographers," said Mrs. Hindley.

Related to Lee

Mrs. Miller told Mrs. Hindley that Lincoln and Robert E. Lee were related. She traced their kinship to the Lees of Virginia of which Ann Lee Hanks, wife of Joseph, was a member. Ann Lee

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Mrs. Charles Hindley

More on Abe's In-Law

(Continued from Page 1)

and Joseph were Lincoln's maternal grandparents.

When "prairie fever", which was probably typhoid, struck Lincoln, Mrs. Miller nursed him thru the long seige.

"She used to tell of that time, that she stood by his bed and brushed the flies away with a tree switch when she couldn't do anything else to help him," recalls Mrs. Hindley.

A homespun suit, dyed with walnut stain, was made for Abe by Mrs. Miller while he split rails to fence her cabin.

John Hanks, another relative, who dubbed Lincoln the "rail-splitter," aided him in one of his campaigns, and was offered a White House post after Abe's election.

Always Democrats

"The Hankses have always been staunch Democrats", was John's explanation of his polite refusal of the Republican patronage.

Mrs. Hindley particularly remembers a story told by her great grandmother which did not reach the history books.

Lincoln tried his hand at teaching school. Because of his youth and apparent inexperience, his students abandoned books for pranks.

They locked Lincoln out of the schoolhouse so he came down thru the chimney, whereupon he was seized and ducked in the creek.

Discipline and order were restored only thru efforts of an intermediary, who was Charles Hanks. The students had appealed to Charles, reasoning that a kinsman's words would carry more effect with the teacher.

Burned All Effects

Within her own experience, Mrs. Hindley remembers when effects of her great-grandmother were burned after her death in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

"Some old things had been found

in a trunk and were being destroyed as valueless," she recalls. "Someone happened to notice an old odd-looking book and pulled it out of the fire after its edges had been singed. It was Abraham Lincoln's history book with his name signature on the flyleaf. The book is now in the Mt. Pleasant library."

Mr. and Mrs. Hindley have resided in Santa Ana 12 years. Of their sons and daughter, Charles Junior is a navy lieutenant in Japan; Wendell is serving with the Army in England; Janet Sue is in U. S. Government service in Japan; and John P. resides in Long Beach.

The Merino sheep, a fine-wool breed, originated in Spain in ancient times, and was first imported to the United States in 1793.

Santa Ana, Calif.
2-12-58

LINCOLN KIN'



Mrs. Charles Worst, 1325 15th street, feels that Abraham Lincoln's birthday Friday is a rather special day, since she is a distant relative of the famous man's wife, Nancy Hanks Lincoln. Mrs. Worst's grandfather, Joseph Hanks, who lived in Enid, Ok., was Nancy's second cousin.

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Galveston, Tex

2-12-54

FROM HANKS TO HUFSTADER

A Story of Kinship in a Lincoln Pattern

By GEORGE W. STARK

The same qualities that impelled all who knew him to call Abraham Lincoln by the short, familiar Abe, also impel all who know William F. Hufstader to hail him by the short, familiar Bill. Right there, let it be quickly stated that all resemblance between Abe Lincoln and Bill Hufstader ceases.

Bill would be the last in the world to claim the faintest similarity to the great American whose birthday we celebrate today. But, by golly, he can't deny his kinship, for that is part of the record, which makes him some sort of a remote cousin to the Lincolns of Indiana, Kentucky and Illinois.

It is not the purpose of this essay to lead you through the geneological mazes from that remote day (1699) when Uriah Hanks and his wife, Surancy, embarked from Birmingham, Eng., to join the Plymouth colony in America.

RELATED TO HUFSTADER

They were the ancestors of Nancy Hanks, the revered mother of Abraham Lincoln. Along the way, you find that John Hanks, a grandson of Uriah, was the great-great-great-grandfather of William F. Hufstader and John was the great-great-grandfather of Nancy Hanks, the mother of Abraham Lincoln.

Meditating on these accidents of birth, Bill Hufstader is likely to shrug off the implications of such kinship.

But don't believe he isn't impressed and grateful, and, yes, humble, too, as is his wife, Mildred. And Bill thinks deeply on the strange patterns that fate sometimes weaves in the destinies of men.

CALL DAUGHTER NANCY

These Hufstadters think deeply, too, of the humility of Lincoln and of his mother, Nancy Hanks. Well, deeply enough so that they gave her name to their youngest child and only daughter, whom they christened Nancy Hanks Hufstader. She is now Mrs. James C. Hinkle, wife of a professor



MODERN NANCY HANKS

Bill's Only Daughter

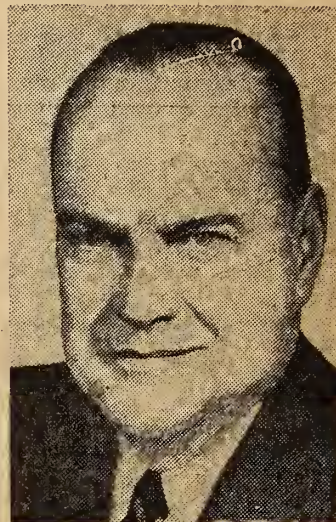
of English at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania. They were married in 1948 and have four children.

Now let us speak briefly in identification of the characters involved in a pleasant Lincoln's birthday pattern. About Abe Lincoln you already know—since he's had a fairly good press down through the years.

Bill Hufstader is pretty well established, too, in the local area. He is a vice president of General Motors Corp. Buffalo, N. Y., has been an important port of call on his life voyage. There he met Mildred. In church. And so they were married.

BEGAN WITH BUICK

Along the way, Flint, Mich., called him not once, but several times. In 1920 he became publicity director of the Flint Chamber of Commerce.



BILL HUFSTADER

Tale Began in 1699

Now you couldn't stay in Flint long without getting involved in automobiles. Finally he began an association with Buick, March 1, 1929, and he became general sales manager in 1933. There he stayed until in November, 1948, he assumed his present post in Detroit.

At Atlas, Mich., near Flint, the Hufstadters have a beautiful 150-acre farm. And Bill actually fancies himself a gentleman farmer. But Mildred softly accuses him of putting seeds and bulbs in the ground and never taking anything out.

ABE LINCOLN'S COUNTRY

Be that as it may, the Hufstader farm is home to Bill and Mildred and the house is built in the great rural tradition of the back country of America . . . Abe Lincoln's country.

There the Hufstader hospitality has room for its gentle sweep.

Mildred, if properly urged, will play the organ. And Bill, with the American pride in ownership and free enterprise, will take you on a tour of the farm, show you all the things he's planted but never picked.

FEB 1 1964

Kentuckian Is Splittin' Image Of His 4th Cousin, Abe Lincoln

By HAROLD BROWNING

Rail-splitting must have run in Abe Lincoln's family because a 78-year-old fourth cousin in Hardin County is still at it.

His name is Dwight Eldon Large, and he lives in the Star Mills community southwest of Elizabethtown.

He is still an active rail-splitter despite his age, and he does it the way Abe used to, with wedges and a double-biaded ax.

Dwight Large lives on his 150-acre farm, only a few miles from Lincoln's birthplace at Hodgenville. His grandmother was a Hanks, the same as Abe's mother was.

Some people say Large looks like Lincoln and comment to that effect without knowing of the relationship. "They say I've got his ears," Large said.

Their Paths Are Similar

There are other similarities in the lives of the two cousins:

✓ They both lived in Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois at one time or another.

✓ They both knew the rigors of living in log cabins.

Large didn't do his log-cabin living in Kentucky the way Abe did. That came in Montana, where he worked on a ranch for seven years when he was a young man.

He was born in Livingston County, Illinois, and lived there until he was 21 and moved to Montana. Then he came back to White County, Indiana, where he lived until he moved to his present home in 1951.

His wife, the former Cora Martin,

is a Hardin County native. She's 73.

Large, at an even 6 feet, is 3 inches shorter than Lincoln was and is a few pounds lighter at 150. But his facial features are strikingly similar to Abe's.

Wife Makes Comparison

Large says he doesn't give much thought to the fact that his cousin was the 16th President. "I really don't know much about him," he said of Abe.

Cora says her husband is as honest as Abe ever was and is just as quiet. "He really doesn't talk enough," she said.

Abe's birthday is February 12. Dwight's is January 2.

With their daughter and five sons

living elsewhere now, Dwight and Cora Large stay alone in their seven-room house. They grow tobacco, raise cattle, and put out a good garden every spring.

As part of their entertainment now, they watch traffic speeding along the West Kentucky Turnpike, which runs a short distance down the hill from their house and which lopped off 13 acres of their land.

And Dwight does his rail-splitting on the side. Since wire fencing is used everywhere now, most of the rails he cuts end up sticking in the ground as posts. But the method of splitting them is still the same.

Dwight proves with his politics that he isn't too much influenced by his famous relative. "I'm a registered Democrat," he said, "but I vote both ways."



ABRAHAM LINCOLN



DWIGHT LARGE



Staff Photo

Dwight Eldon Large, 78, splits rails on his farm just the way Lincoln did more than a century ago.

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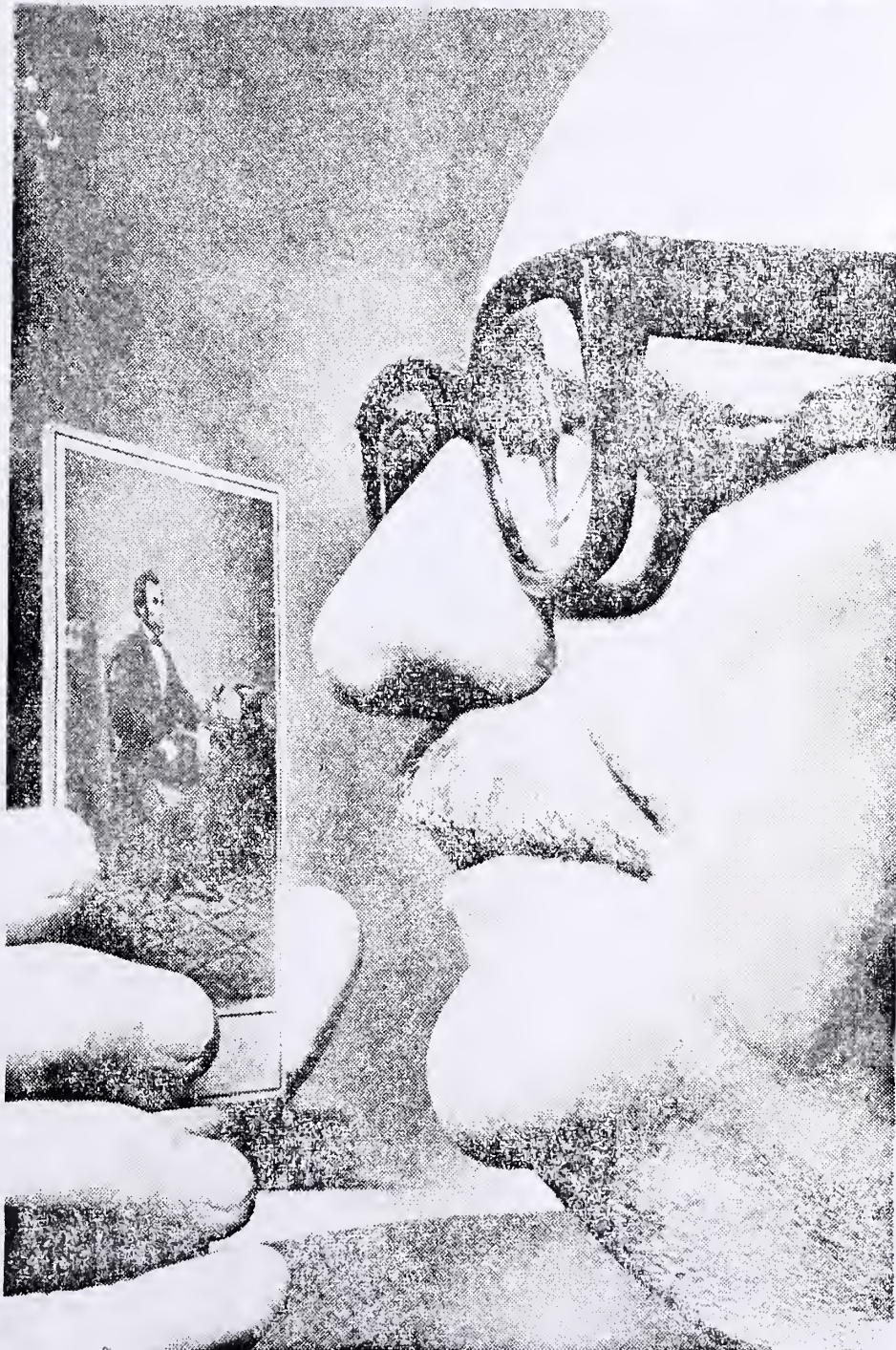
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'Dedicated But Very Human'

Descendant Describes 'Abe'



—Herald-Examiner Photo

A LINCOLN PHOTOGRAPH MADE FROM ORIGINAL NEGATIVE
Held by former Illinois Judge Hardin Hanks, kin of Great Emancipator

Abraham Lincoln-- Dedicated, Humane

By KAY WAYMIRE
Herald Examiner Staff Writer

To former Illinois Judge Hardin Hanks II, much of today's flowery Lincoln Oratory will be almost painful.

Hardin, 63, whose family tree includes the Great Emancipator, is no iconoclast; he just wishes that others, as he does, could admire Lincoln for what he really was.

"He was a dedicated man of very high principles — but he was, nevertheless, a human being," explained Hanks, who has made a life-long study of the subject. "I don't believe his human foibles lessen his stature."

For instance, Lincoln was quite capable of holding a grudge.

As a matter of fact, with the memory of frequent beatings fresh in his mind, he could (and did) refuse to attend his own father's funeral.

He was painfully sensitive about his public image as a

back woods bumpkin and worked hard to dispell it. Golden phrases that sounded so spontaneous actually were carefully concocted and patiently polished.

He was a shrewd businessman, who lived "high" in a beautiful, almost lavish home in Springfield before moving into the White House. He represented such important clients as the Illinois Central Railroad and in one year's time banked well over \$12,000 in the Springfield Marine Bank.

He left his widow \$158,000 — a considerable fortune in those days.

He was a skilled political strategist who timed his official acts with masterly precision: he employed psychology with an expert touch and wasn't above nepotism.

QUICK TEMPER

As President, he named Hanks cousins (or their husbands) to such important posts as head of the postal department, warden of a Federal prison, Federal judge and paymaster for the Union Army.

He was a devoted husband (and head of the house) and an indulgent father.

He had a quick temper — and suffered frequently from moods so black that Hanks suspects in today's psychological jargon they might be diagnosed as a manic-depressive neurosis.

Hanks, who moved to Riverside last August when ill health forced his retirement as a circuit court judge in Beardstown, Ill., mined much of his Lincolnian from his grandfather who, as a first cousin, spent much time with Lincoln.

There were townspeople in Hanks' younger years who also had known the tall, gaunt lawyer in his prairie years. One of them gave Hanks his most cherished memento — a Lincoln photograph made from the original negative.

Another treasure is a photo of Judge Hanks on the bench of the courtroom where Lincoln pleaded numerous cases — including the famous Duff Armstrong murder trial in 1858.

'WHO CAN SAY?'

Lawyer Lincoln won that case when he whipped out an

almanac to prove a damaging witness could not have seen his client by moonlight since there was no moon that night.

Hanks is distressed, too, by those who seek to apply Lin-

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coln's words to today's situations and problems.

"Who can say whether Lincoln would have approved of the United Nations?" he asked. "He was meeting the situations and problems of his time — and that was 100 years ago.

"I believe the guiding force of his life was to prove that our form of government could succeed and endure. This was even more basic with him than preserving the union or freeing the slaves."

Of Hanks' four children, two younger sons, J. Thompson (Tom) Hanks, 20, and his brother, Richard Alan, 13, show signs of following family footsteps — the law, then politics.

"I tell them it's a long, hard road and, if they run

true to form, there'll be plenty of failure," said the former judge, whose namesake is a Riverside deputy sheriff and whose daughter, Nancy, lives in Illinois.

Hanks' own record of defeats rivals Lincoln's:

He was defeated for state's attorney in 1930, lost again in 1938 when he ran for county judge and failed to win a Congressional seat in 1940.

"The only office I ever won, I was unopposed," he chuckled.

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MORGAN

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Stetzel traces her family ties to Abraham Lincoln

By
GLORIA DIAZ

Two years ago, Doris Stetzel accepted a challenge to prove she was really related to Abraham Lincoln.

Honest.

Stetzel, a Huntington resident, knew since childhood of her kinship with Lincoln.

"I always knew, growing up," says Stetzel.

She had a close relationship with her paternal grandmother, Mary Ellen Clem Tubbs, or "Grandma Tubbs" as Stetzel refers to her.

Tubbs shared family history with Stetzel, who says she listened but didn't pay close attention.

"You just don't think much about it," says Stetzel.

Stetzel's children and grandchildren know she's related to Lincoln. But two years ago, when her grandson, Jason Parrett, told his classmates, they suspected he wasn't being as honest as his famous relative.

Eager to prove her grandson was right, Stetzel asked herself, "Why don't I get busy and prove that we are related?"

Getting started on the research wasn't too difficult, but Stetzel didn't

have an important piece of family history that had belonged to Tubbs.

"My grandmother Tubbs had a great big Bible with the Hanks (family) tree," says Stetzel.

She says the Bible was lost when Tubbs died several years ago.

She started her search in Kokomo, because she remembered the local paper had written a story on Tubbs in the 1940s.

Stetzel didn't have time to look through microfilm for the article but while asking the librarian for information, someone overheard the conversation.

The woman, remembers Stetzel, wanted to shake her hand after finding out she was related to Lincoln.

Stetzel also did research in Fort Wayne and Huntington to link her relatives together and prove her kinship with Lincoln.

After researching for a month, she discovered she is a second cousin fourth removed from Lincoln on the Hanks side.

John Hanks, great-grandfather of Lincoln, was the great-great-grandmother of Mariah Hanks, a second cousin to Nancy Hanks,

Lincoln's mother.

John Hanks was also the great-great-great grandfather of Tubbs.

Stetzel says she will continue her genealogy research as "something to keep in the family."

As well as finding out who's related to who, Stetzel is also learning a lot.

"I found out more stuff than I ever thought I would," she says.

Stetzel says her assumption that people in the 1800's stayed married to the same person all their lives was shot down after discovering one male relative had been married five times.

"I didn't think they'd have more than one wife," says Stetzel.

She plans to visit Kokomo after the holidays to do more research and also write to Kentucky for more information on her Hanks relatives.

Stetzel says she's grateful for the assistance she received from the Huntington City - Township Public Library.

She advises those interested in genealogy to start tracing their family history.

"I would encourage

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Doris Stetzel, of Huntington, displays photos of some of her relatives. She is related to Abraham Lincoln, and also recently discovered family ties to British royalty.

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people to do it," says Stetzel.

In addition to being related to a United States president that governed during a turbulent time in the nation's history, Stetzel also discovered she is related to Edward I, a former king of England who died in 1307.

She also plans on doing more research on her royal relatives.

Before finding out she was related to British royalty, she claims she never paid attention to the shenanigans of Chuck and Di and Fergie and Andy.

"Now I think I will," says Stetzel.



J.A. Spolar DDS

4/10/06

Dear Cindy,
Thank you for taking the
time - I appreciate it.

Enclosed please find copies
of most of the Hannes family
album images. There are five
additional card images - I made
a photo-copy of one.

Let me know what you think.
Thanks again.

Sincerely,

J.A. Spolar

528 W. Jackson Street
Macomb, IL 61455
309-837-7727
309-836-7801 fax

May 11, 2006

J.A. Spolar, DDS
528 W. Jackson Street
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Dear Dr. Spolar:

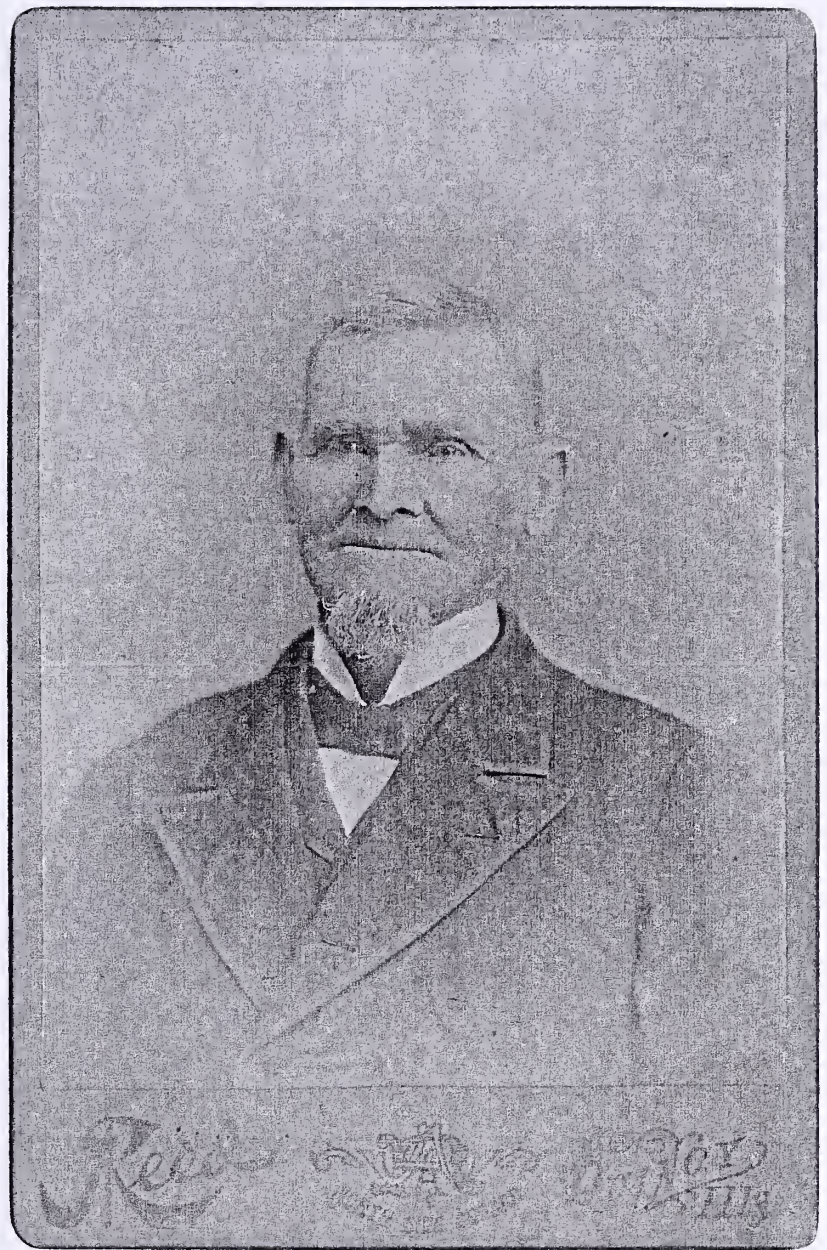
Thank you for sending the copies of the Hanks family album pages. I'm sorry that it has taken so long for me to send them back to you.

I found that we have photographs, or copies of them, of John Hanks and the one of Joseph Hanks together with his wife. I made photocopies of your copied photographs that were identified to add to our research files on the Hanks family. I'm afraid I can't add anything to the identification of the others.

Thanks again for sending them copies.

Sincerely,

Cindy VanHorn
Registrar & Library Assistant
260-455-5590
cjvanhorn@LNC.com



Joseph Barber the second.

Joseph Barber who came to
from Illinois in year of 1826 from
Chicago.

Joseph the second was born in Indiana
Aug. 1825. Died Jan. 1. 1902. Barred
at woodland cemetery in Chicago the
lot of son-in-law John Woods, in Chicago Ill.
Joseph the second farmed 1/2 mile East of
Chicago. The first Methodist church was
held in his place meetings having been held
before the church was built.
The church burned and the new church
built with subscriptions.

Joseph Barber received the first
subscription and largest one of five dollars
for the new church.

Barber gave preached many a sermon
in the church. 36th Oregon Road.
Barber's } but sweet home
Barber's } three daughters married in



Royal Hubbell



Cañon, Colo.

Uncle John -

father of Cousin Benoit Cousin John Hunt.
Cousin John a close companion of
Abraham Lincoln.

Visit many times to the Joseph Hunt
home in Melrose Township Adams Co
Quincy Illinois.



Kitten & Jake Hanks



Witter Hinks Died age 7 with
 Sister's brother
 Daughter of Joseph



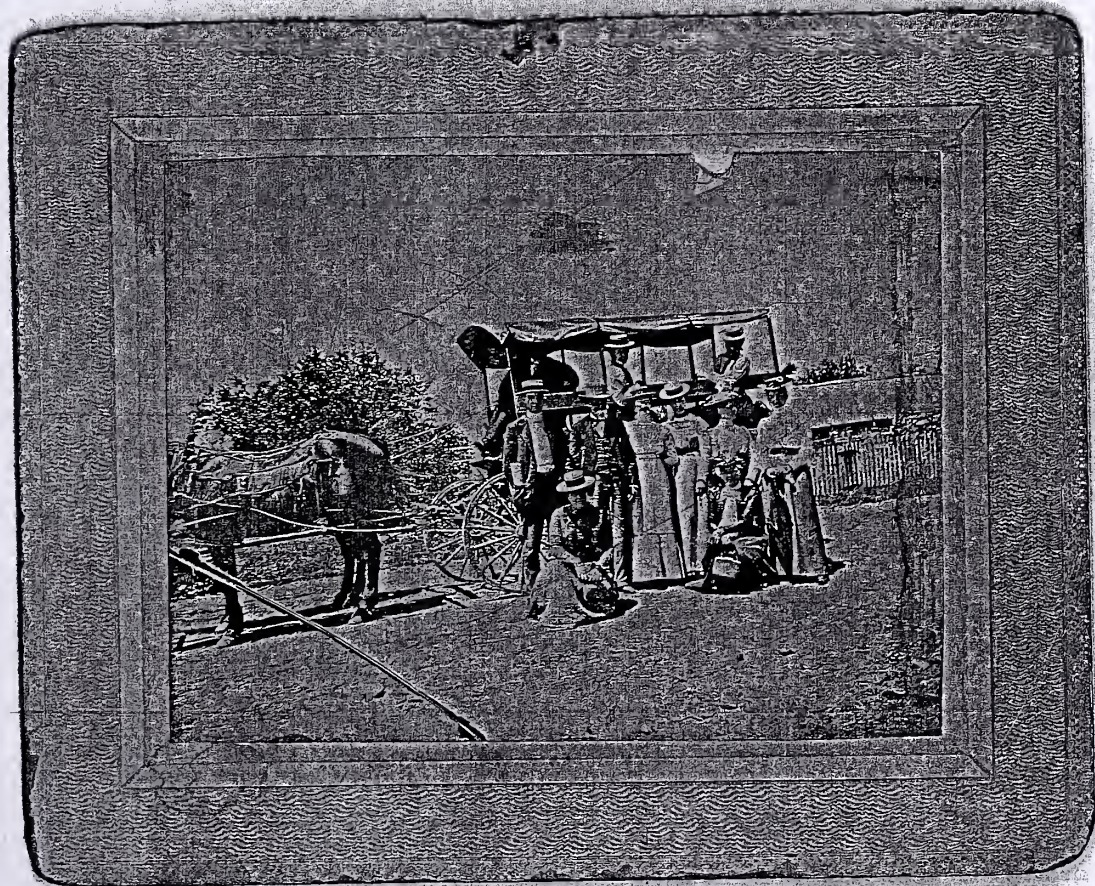
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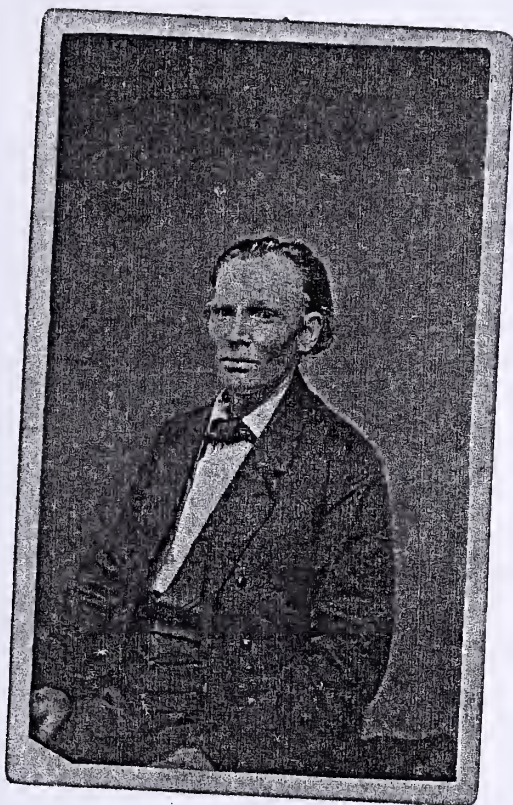


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Aunt Sadie May 29 1915

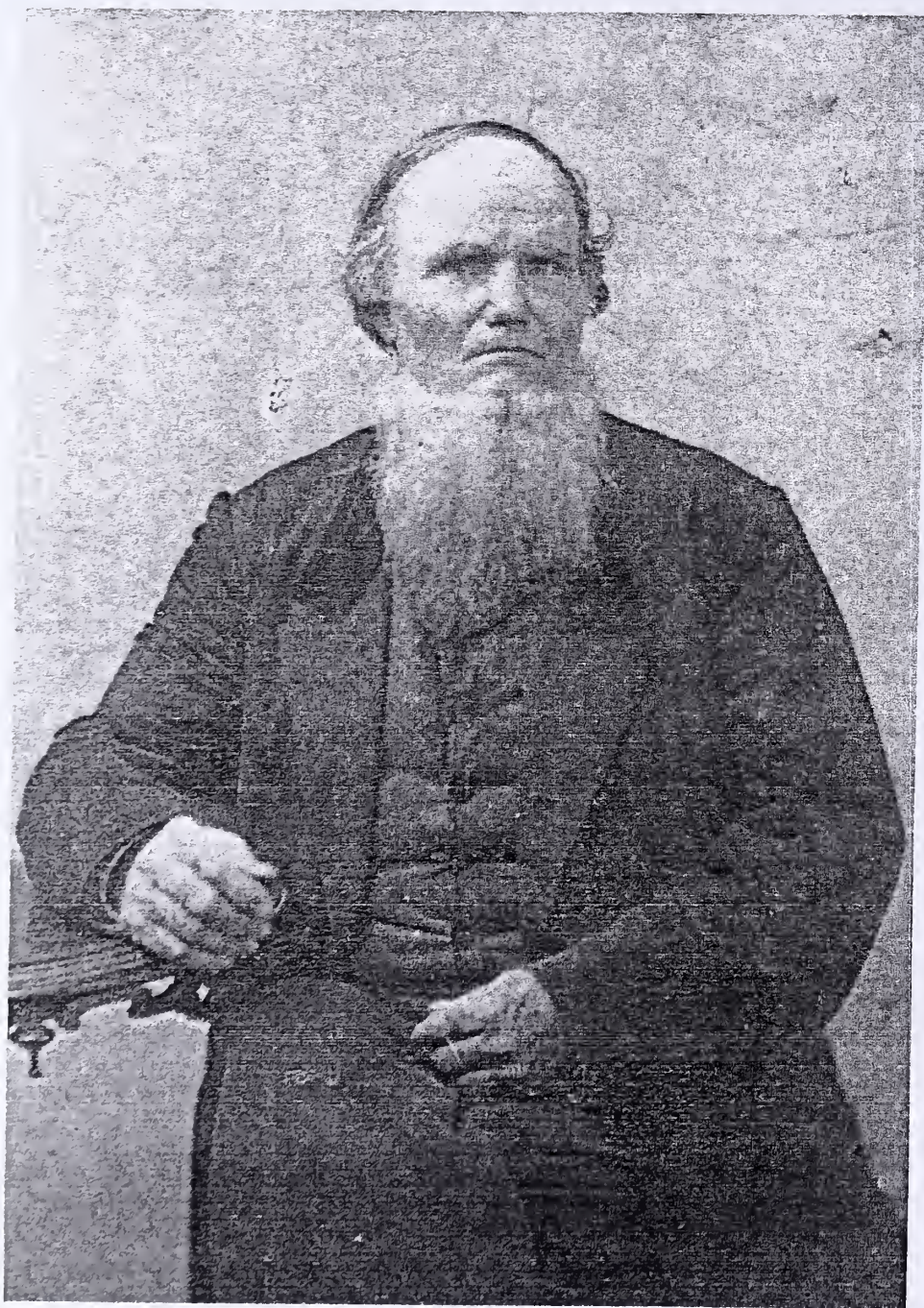
Willie Farnham

MRS. W. A. REED
QUINCY ILLINOIS
ARTIST.

Willie Farnham



Uncle John Hanks
1. Sister Mary Hanks
Mother of Abraham Lincoln
He was a Methodist
Minister
Name of John son
of Joseph Hanks and
who was a Methodist
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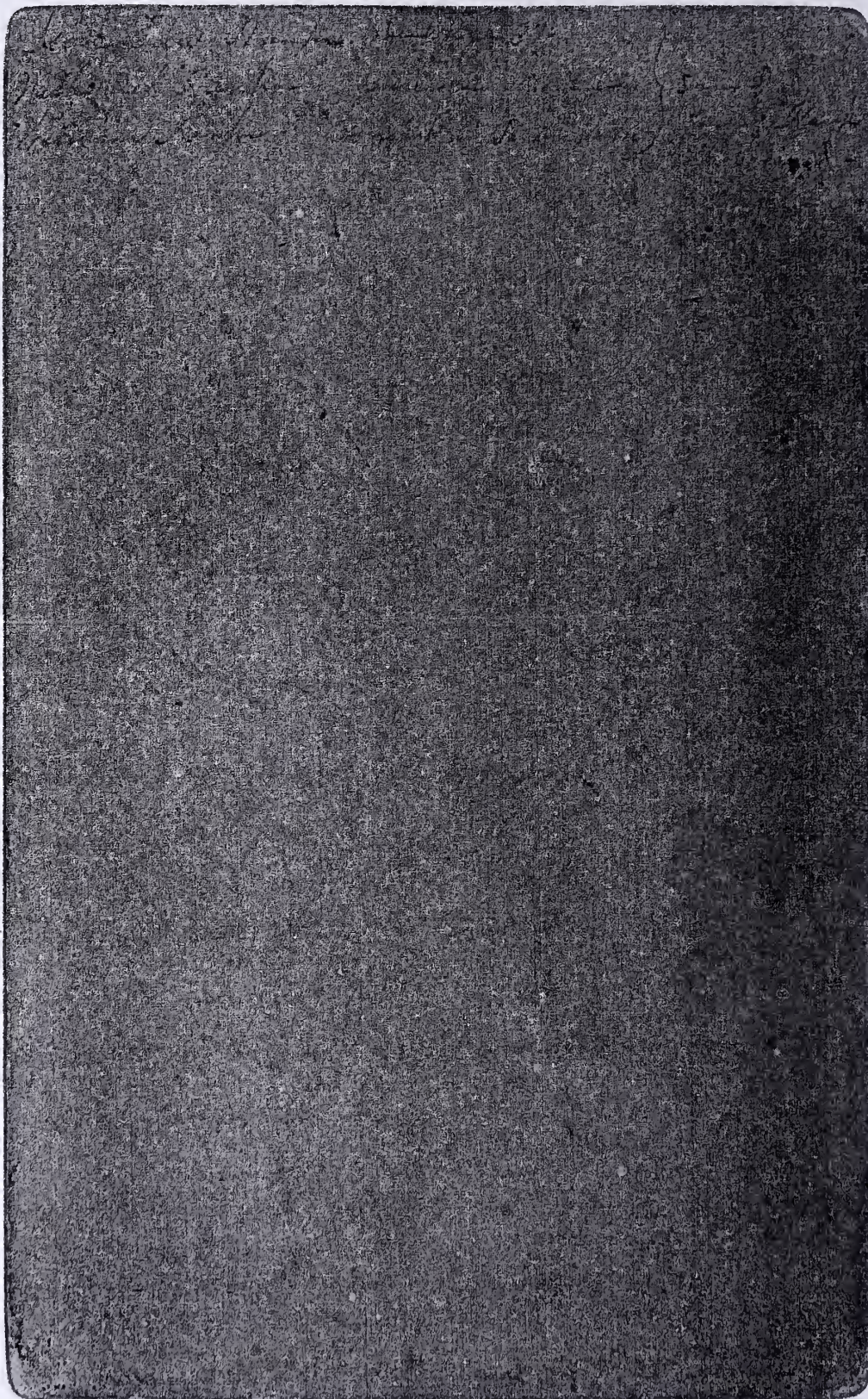


Cousin
John Hawks -
—
was cousin to
Abraham Lincoln.



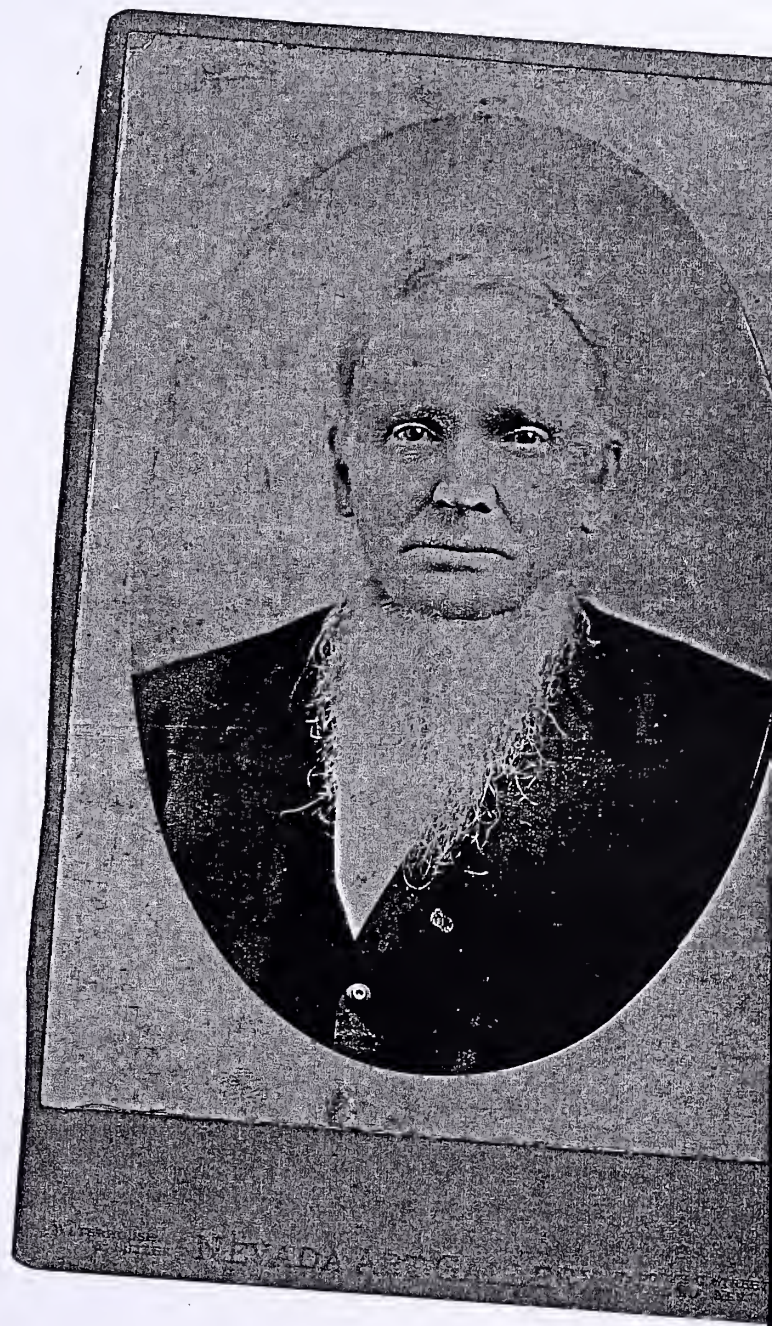
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Nathaniel Hanks
William Hanks

Sons of Joseph
Hanks



Jacob V. Hawks - Brother of Joseph the second
 Son of Joseph the first old settler of Quincy
 came to Quincy in 1825. Jacob being one
 of the first children born in Quincy. His
 sister was first death in Melrose township
 Adams Co. Quincy Illinois

Additional Copies from this picture can be had at any time
 at half-price.



NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

To the Heirs of the Estate of

Joseph Hawks

DECEASED:

You Will Take Notice, That at

February

Term of the County Court

of Adams County, in the State of Illinois, to be holden at

the Court House, in the City of Quincy, in said County

on the *15th* day of *February*

A. D. 190*4*, I will, as the *Executor*

present a report and exhibit in said Estate, for final

settlement and discharge, at which time and place you may

appear and show cause, if any you have, why said report

and exhibit should not be approved.

Dated this *21st* day of *January*

A. D. 190*4*

Chas W Hawks
Executor



This Certifies That *Joseph Hawks*
of *Meerz* Township, has this day filed his application for
Insurance in The Payson Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co., to the
amount of *Twenty Two hundred and fifty* Dollars, and has paid
\$ *40.00* and Fee \$ *2* for defraying expenses; and given his
Premium Note as required, which, if approved insures him for *Five*
years from this date, and entitles him to membership.
Jan 12 1899 *Horace Bernard* Secretary.

Policy No. 3590

Class No. 1st

THE PAYSON



Farmers' Mutual

FIRE INSURANCE CO.,

OF ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Joseph H. Hanko
Quincy
Illinois

Amount Insured \$22,500.00

Cash Premium \$ 4.50

Policy Fee \$ 2.00

Premium Note No. 3590

Expires June 12 1904

Horace Bernard

Secretary

Know all Men by these Presents, That

JOHN WOOD, Attorney in Fact for the City of Quincy, party of the first part, in consideration of Eighty / \$ 80.00 Dollars, to him paid by George Hanks

part 1 of the second part, do hereby **Grant, Bargain and Sell** unto the said part 1 of the second part, his heirs and assigns **Forever**, a certain Parcel of Land, known and described as Lot Number 11 Block Number 11 in **WOODLAND CEMETERY**, in the County of Adams and State of Illinois, according to a Plat of said Cemetery, as the same is recorded in the Recorder's Office of said County.

To Have and to Hold the Same, unto the said part 1 of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever. **Provided, However**, and this Conveyance is made upon the express conditions following, to-wit: That the said grantee his heirs and assigns, shall hold and use the premises hereby conveyed, for the **Burial of the Dead**, and for no other use or purpose. Second: That the said grantee his heirs and assigns, shall at no time hereafter, cut, girdle, box, bore, or in any manner injure, or destroy, or remove, or carry away, any tree or sapling there standing, growing, or being on said premises, except under the direction of the said **JOHN WOOD**, Attorney in Fact, as aforesaid, or his assigns.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
ADAMS COUNTY,
Recorder's Office,

ss.

I, **GEORGE BROPHY**, Clerk of the Circuit Court, and Ex-Officio Recorder of said County, do hereby certify that the annexed instrument of writing was on the 29th day of September A. D. 1875, at 11 o'clock A. M., duly filed for Record in this Office, and was on the same day duly recorded in the Records of this Office, in Book One (11) of Cemetery Lots at page 146

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Circuit Court at Quincy, this 29th day of September A. D. 1875

Geo. Brophy Clerk and Recorder.
Per Chas A Kendall Deputy.

JOHN WOOD, Attorney in Fact for the City of Quincy, personally known to the undersigned, a Notary Public

shall at no time hereafter, cut, girdle, remove, or carry away, any tree or sapling there standing, growing, or being on said land, except under the direction of the said **JOHN WOOD**, Attorney in Fact, as aforesaid.

Witness Whereof, the said Grantor has hereunto set his hand and seal,

the 11th day of August, A. D. 1885

Attorney in Fact for the City of Quincy.

State of Illinois, ss.
COUNTY OF ADAMS.

Be it Remembered, That on this 11th

August in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred

and 85, **JOHN WOOD**, Attorney in Fact for the City of Quincy,

personally known to the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, to be the identical person who executed, and whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Deed of Conveyance, as having executed the same, came before me and acknowledged the same to be his voluntary act and deed, for the purposes therein expressed.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand

affixed my Notarial Seal
Office at the City of Quincy, the day and year first
written.

Thos. J. Woodruff
Notary Public

George Clooney is distant cousin of Abraham Lincoln

Thu Nov 1, 2012 2:10am EDT

reuters.com



Actor George Clooney and girlfriend Stacy Keibler arrive at the 26th Carousel of Hope Ball in Beverly Hills, California October 20, 2012.
Credit: Reuters/Fred Prouser

(Reuters) - Aunt Rosemary was not George Clooney's only famous relative. You can add a certain Civil War American president to the Oscar-winning actor's family tree.

Politics has apparently run in the activist actor's blood for centuries, as website Ancestry.com on Thursday revealed that the "Ocean's 11" star is distantly related to President Abraham Lincoln.

According to Ancestry.com, Clooney is the half-first cousin five times removed from Lincoln, the 16th president. The genealogy website breaks down the connection, explaining the "half" means that two of their ancestors were half-siblings - Lincoln's mother Nancy Hanks was the half-sister of Clooney's 4th great-grandmother Mary Ann Sparrow.

Hanks and Sparrow shared the same mother, Lucy Hanks, but had different fathers. Lucy Hanks was Lincoln's maternal grandmother as well as the 5th great-grandmother of Clooney.

Clooney's aunt was singer and actress Rosemary Clooney, who died in 2002.

Clooney, long noted for his political activism, is a major Hollywood backer of President Barack Obama. He hosted a Democratic Party fundraiser at his Los Angeles home in March that raised \$15 million.

Lincoln, a Republican, is considered one of the greatest presidents in the history of the United States. He led the country through the Civil War and is credited with the abolition of slavery, which officially became law in 1865 after his assassination.

He is the subject of an upcoming Steven Spielberg film "Lincoln," starring Daniel Day-Lewis in the title role, which is to open in the United States next week.

Ancestry.com is offering free access to more than 20,000 documents showcasing Lincoln's life, his family tree and the most pivotal moments of his presidential career. The details can be found at www.ancestry.com/lincoln.

(Reporting by Zorianna Kit; Editing by Chris Michaud and Jackie Frank)

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William Hawks Asher in
~~Farmers~~ ~~Grant~~ Parrish Va
in 1744 (Possibly Ashmun family)

See
Kentucky State Register
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Mr. Lincoln stated to me in 1861 that his mother was born in Virginia, that she came to Kentucky with some of her relations and not with her parents, but gave me no other clue.

J. H. Barrett.

"Nancy Hanks Lincoln's father died in Virginia and his widow and daughter came to Kentucky where the widow married Henry Sparrow for her second husband."

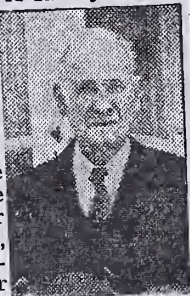
H. C. Whitney
Jan. 17, 1895

"Dennis Hanks said that the Hanks's came to Kentucky from the 'Roanoke River Country in Virginia' but he never knew the county. He thought it was Halifax County but was never certain."

Jesse W. Welk.

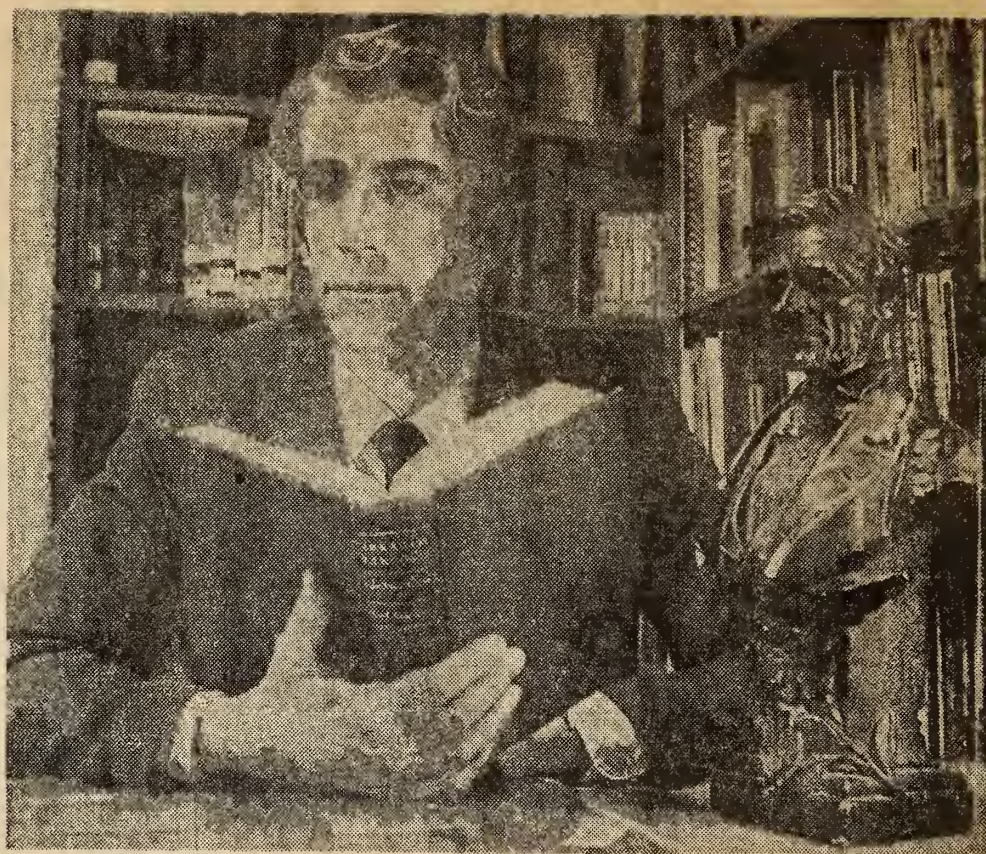
**David W. Hanks
Will Be Honored
On 93rd Birthday**

Wednesday, June 23, will mark the 93rd birthday of David Hanks of Princeton, Ia. A family dinner will be served at the home of a son-in-law and daughter, Mr and Mrs A. M. Diemer of 2510 Farnam street, Davenport. In the group will be another daughter of Mr Hanks, Mrs George Pinneo, and her husband of Princeton, Ia., **David Hanks** with whom he resides.



Mr Hanks, whose father, Samuel Hanks, was a cousin of Abraham Lincoln, was born in Albany, Ill., and came to Iowa when 16 years of age. Mr Hanks, who was formerly a teacher in Buffalo and Pleasant Valley, is an accomplished violinist and one of his hobbies has been collecting and repairing violins. He organized the first orchestra in the Pleasant Valley community in 1896.

Mr Hanks has two granddaughters, Mrs C. C. Harris of Indianapolis, Ind., the former Miss Juliette Diemer, and Miss Betty Hanks, who resides in Florida.



LINCOLN KIN — Strangers frequently take a second or third look when they pass the Rev. Howard B. Hanks Jr. He

looks like Abraham Lincoln and is distantly related to the former president.

(AP Wirephoto)

Pastor At Pipestone Church

Looks Like Kin Lincoln

PIPESTONE, Minn. (AP) — "Your face is familiar, but I can't quite place the name. Hanks, you say? No, you look more like Lincoln."

The Rev. Howard B. Hanks Jr., pastor of the Baptist Church in this southwestern Minnesota community, says he has been stopped by strangers many times with the above questions.

The Rev. Mr. Hanks, the father of eight children, does look like Lincoln. He's rawboned, wiry, well over six feet tall, and has long, dark wavy hair.

He is a distant relative of the 16th President of the United States. His great, great, great, great grandfather, Deacon John Hanks of Connecticut, was a great uncle to Lincoln.

Deacon John had a brother, Joseph Hanks, whose daughter Nancy, married an itinerant

farmer named Thomas Lincoln on June 12, 1806 in Kentucky. They had a son named Abraham who was born Feb. 12, 1809.

The Rev. Mr. Hanks had known of the family tie but didn't think much about it until 1961, when he was asked to play Lincoln in a homecoming pageant at Bethel College in St. Paul. Then he began reading about Lincoln's life and writings.

The Pastor now dresses like Lincoln and speaks to elementary school audiences in the area. He uses quotes from Lincoln's writings to encourage youngsters to be more concerned for our nation.

"If ever the country needed the philosophies of Lincoln, it needs them today," said the Rev. Mr. Hanks, "and anything I can do to further their understanding, I will."

Jefferson Hanks

LINCOLN KIN DIES AT HOME IN EAST

AURORA, Ill., Oct. 26 (A.P.)—Mrs. Sarah Barker whose father, Jefferson Hanks, was a nephew of Abraham Lincoln's mother, is dead. Mrs. Barker often recalled the visits of Lincoln to the Hanks home when she was a small girl, and how children of the neighborhood would come over to the Hanks home to hear the Lincoln stories.

Seein' Stars -- *By Feg Murray*



UNA MERKEL,

A SOUTHERN GIRL, IS DESCENDED FROM NANCY HANKS, ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S MOTHER, AND UNA'S FIRST SCREEN ROLE WAS ANN RUTLEDGE, LINCOLN'S CHILDHOOD SWEET-HEART, IN DW. GRIFFITH'S "ABRAHAM LINCOLN"...

KIN OF LINCOLN TAKES STAND IN DIVORCE TRIAL

Martyr President's 2nd Cousin,
Mrs. M. C. Leftcovitch, Helps
Free Son From Marital Bond

They brought a little old lady into court yesterday.

A little old lady whom they helped to the witness stand and introduced as:

"Mrs. Maria C. Leftcovitch, a second cousin to Abraham Lincoln!"

And Attorney A. L. Maslan told Superior Judge Hugh Todd that his seventy-nine-year-old witness was there to testify on behalf of Edwyl N. Leftcovitch in his uncontested suit to divorce Mrs. Clara B. Leftcovitch, whom he married in 1915 in West Virginia.

OLD ACQUAINTANCE

To establish Leftcovitch's length of residence here, Maslan asked the witness how long she had known him.

"Quite some time," she said. "You see, I'm his mother."

"How old is the defendant, the wife, Mrs. Leftcovitch?" Judge Todd asked.

"As long as I've known her, she's been thirty years old," the witness answered tartly.

SHOOTINGS RECOUNTED

Mrs. Leftcovitch's son, a former railway conductor, testified that his wife "had an awful temper and you couldn't believe anything she said." Also, he said, she shot at him twice—once with a shotgun, once with a pistol—during their married life.

"I think that when they chase 'em out with a shotgun and a pistol you can't blame 'em for not coming back," Judge Todd observed philosophically as he signed the divorce decree.

Mrs. Leftcovitch left the courtroom on the arm of her son, with whom she lives at 4602 Orcas St. She explained that Abraham Lincoln's mother was the aunt of her own mother.

HE WAS A RELATIVE



MRS. MARIA C. LEFTCOVITCH, seventy-nine, holds a treasured picture of Abraham Lincoln, her second cousin, as she smiles over her adventure in superior court here yesterday.

—(Post-Intelligencer Photo.)

Monroeville H. S. Claims 6 Students Lincoln Relatives

MONROEVILLE, Feb. 15.—That six blood relatives of Abraham Lincoln, sixteenth president of the United States are enrolled at Monroeville high school, was discovered recently. The descendants are: Ralph and Elaine Rogers, Chalmer, Leela and Bonita Hart, and Harold Stevenson. The relationship of the students named to President Lincoln is sixth cousin.

San Diego
Join * 2/5/

DESCENDANT OF 'THE' HANKSES WORKING AT NORTH ISLAND



DONALD HANKS BUNCH
... doing part for defense.

Recalls Stories Of Grandfather's Lincoln Visits

Quick, now, who do you think he resembles?

Take a good look at the accompanying photograph of Donald Hanks Bunch, and see if there is anything familiar about deep-set eyes, the prominent nose, the thin lips and the square chin.

HERE WITH MOTHER

At any rate, Abraham Lincoln's grandfather and Bunch's great-great-grandfather was the same Mr. Hanks. Or, if it simplifies matters, Nancy Hanks and Bunch's great-great-grandfather were sister and brother, who moved overland from Virginia to Kentucky when they were small children.

Bunch and his mother, Mamie Hanks Marshall, came from Kansas City, Mo., to San Diego county this winter. Mrs. Marshall to visit friends at Vista, and the son to work on a national defense construction project on North Island. Mrs. Marshall's grandfather and Abraham Lincoln were first cousins, and she has many mementoes of the Civil war president.

REPRIMANDED BY ABE

"I can recall my own grandfather, John Hanks, telling about trips that his father would take him on to Springfield for visits at the Lincoln home," said Bunch. "John Hanks was a small boy who would induce the Lincoln boys, against their better judgment, to be more lively around the home than Mr. Lincoln would stand for.

"Once the small John and Tad slid down the stair railing and landed in the hall with a noisy thump just as Mr. Lincoln came in. My grandfather said that Abe gave them a reprimanding they never forgot."

PRAISES MRS. LINCOLN

Despite the case that writers have tried to make out against Mrs. Lincoln, Bunch could not recall that his grandfather ever had found her to be unloving to the boys. It was the husband and father who "did the getting mad."

Whenever Bunch has visited Springfield, Ill., he has been much in demand for interviews, he said. He was there last August, and in 1934 visited the reconstructed village of New Salem, near where his father had resided in Peoria, Ill. In San Diego, he is making his home at the Southern hotel.

Kin of Lincoln

Princeton, Ia., Feb. 11. — Approach of the Lincoln anniversary is more than a patriotic and historic incident to David Warren Hanks, who next June 23 will celebrate his 89th birthday anniversary.

Mr. Hanks' father, Samuel Hanks, a cousin of the Great Emancipator, was born in Kentucky in the community in which Lincoln was born. The family moved later to Illinois. Mr. Hanks was born near Albany, Ill.

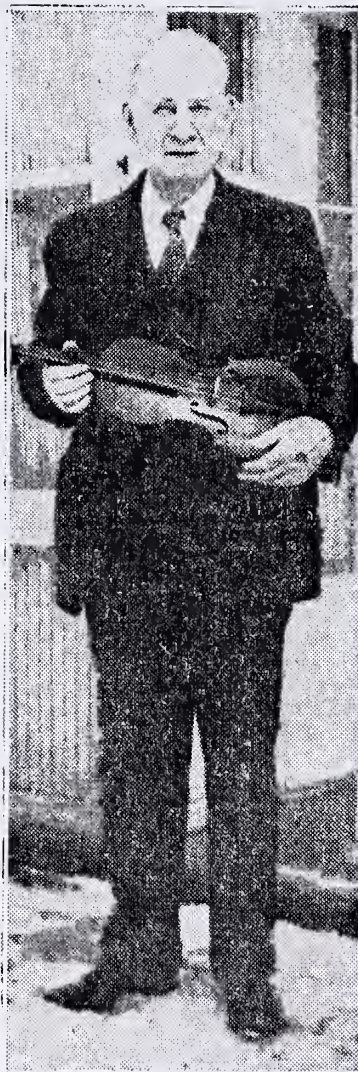
"I never saw Lincoln," relates Mr. Hanks, "but my parents visited him and I can remember when he was nominated. One day my parents returning from southern Illinois stopped at the Lincoln home near Springfield for dinner. Lincoln was a young lawyer then. The family had chicken for dinner and afterward the young folks tested their skill throwing the bones thru the bung of a barrel. Lincoln was the only one successful at the feat." Racing and wrestling, Lincoln's favorite sports, were other afternoon pastimes.

"My father's brother was nearer Lincoln's age and they were often together," continued Mr. Hanks. "On one visit to the Lincoln family, my folks brought home some corn from southern Illinois and we planted it, but because of the difference in climate, it didn't mature."

Mr. Hanks is a talented violinist and daily practices one or two hours. He makes and repairs violins and altho he is an acknowledged expert, has never taken instruction either in music or making the instrument.

He came to Iowa when 16 years of age and has spent the greater part of the time since in this community. He now makes his home with his daughter, Mrs. George Pinneo, and her family, who in 1936 visited Lincoln City, Ind., where the Nancy Hanks Lincoln burial place is and where the fireplace in the old Lincoln home is preserved intact. Another daughter, Mrs. Bessie Diemer, resides in Davenport.

The Hanks family, too, has an-



DAVID WARREN HANKS

other kin tie with American history, Mrs. Pinneo being a lineal descendant of John Quincy Adams, on her maternal side.

**Another Grave
Filled on Spencer
Hanks' Farm 1940**

Marion, Ill., Feb. 20.—(Special)

THERE IS one more grave upon the hill on the farm east of Marion where the Hanks family has remained, in life and in death, since Spencer Hanks bought it from the government, and built a log house in 1865. The new grave is that of Miss Josephine Hanks, who spent all her 75 years in that same log house.

Miss Hanks was buried beside her mother and father, three brothers and two sisters, all of the Hanks family except her brother Samuel Hanks. He still lives in his father's house. None of the family ever left home. When three of the children married, they brought their mates to live with them on the Hanks homestead. A new house was built for each. One is occupied by Stephen Clutts, 80, who married one of Spencer Hanks' daughters.

NANCY HANKS WILL ATTEND FOX LINCOLN

Descendant of Brother of Lincoln's Mother to See World Premiere

Nancy Jean Hanks, 707 South Second street, a junior at Springfield high school, will probably be one of the most interested spectators at the world premiere of "Young Mr. Lincoln" to be held tonight at the Fox Lincoln theater. For Miss Hanks is a great-great-granddaughter of Joshua Hanks, brother of Nancy Hanks, the mother of Abraham Lincoln.

Miss Hanks, almost 16, is probably the only girl in the United States who can produce the correct genealogical record aligning her with Lincoln.

A native of Beardstown, she is the daughter of Hardin and Hazel Hanks. Her grandfather was James R. Hanks. Miss Hanks was born July 23, 1923. At present she resides with her mother in this city where Mrs. Hanks is employed as a secretary in the state department of agriculture. Her father is an attorney in Beardstown.

Miss Hanks came to Springfield with her parents when she was less than five years old and attended primary and secondary schools in this city with the exception of one year when she was enrolled at Manual Arts high school in Los Angeles.

She has a genuine fondness for drama and a natural aptitude for acting. Also an accomplished vocalist, she will soon be featured in several songs at the recital of the A Cappella choir at Springfield high school. Besides being musically inclined, Miss Hanks also enjoys sports, particularly tennis and horseback riding. She weighs 115 pounds and is 5 feet 4 inches in height.

Because of her poise, she has frequently been selected to act as a fashion model. She is a blond.

Lincoln's Relative Recalls His Habits

Abe Pictured As Big, Raw- boned, Mischievous Boy By Man Who Knew Him.

DETROIT—(I.N.S.)—Frank Beall, related by marriage to Nancy Hanks, mother of Abraham Lincoln, sits back these days in his comfortable home here and reminisces of the days when he knew Lincoln.

Passing 78 now, he lives with his dozens of pet Yorkshire canaries and his memories of a great man. What are but legends to others, to him are contemporary experiences.

Beall was a child of five when he heard the great man speak at Decatur, Ill. Later he lived to see Lincoln spread his wings until he became the greatest figure in the land. As a boy he would watch Lincoln split rails with John Hanks, his uncle, on the old Hanks farm, just three miles from the Beall homestead.

Frank Beall's first wife, Sarah Mettler, was a daughter of Jane Hanks, and a granddaughter of John Hands, the brother of Lincoln's mother.

Beall pictures Lincoln as "a big, rough, rawboned boy, always laughing, and, like other boys, fun-loving, mischievous, and always for going to the country dances and other merry-makings of the honest, homespun order.

Watched Lincoln Plow.

Beall would often watch Lincoln and his uncle as they plowed the virgin fields of Illinois.

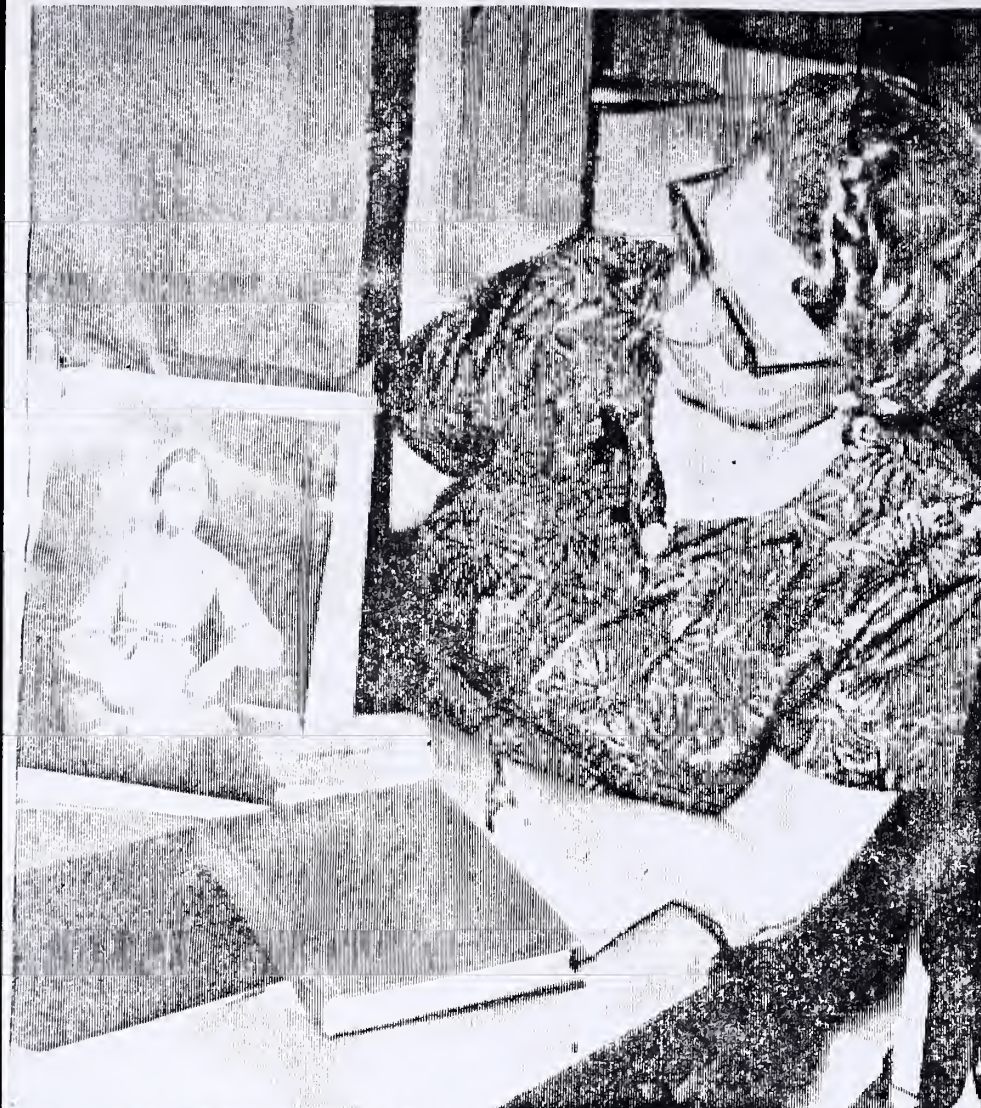
"Abe and John always kept a jug of whisky in a clump of weeds besides them," recollects Beall. "It was good whisky they made in those days, and everybody kept it."

Beall remembers the days when they shipped the slaves to auction down the river and big boats crammed like sardines with sad human freight, and the days when there were no longer any slaves, and the mystic, muffled roll of the war drums had ebbed to an echo.

"I saw Lincoln on his bier many times after his death," said Beall. "In the big family vault in Springfield, one could view the body through glass for a long time. Then, when rumors arose that someone had tried to break into the sealed glass-enclosed vault, the body was buried with others of the family dead beneath the flooring, where today the inscribed marble slab may be viewed by visitors to the shrine."

Strikeout By Lightning.

BUTTE, Mont. — (U.P.) — Le Roy Burns, aged 14, insists he would have won a local ball game if he had not been struck out by lightning. He had just pitched a ball when the electrical flash struck the metal button on the top of his baseball cap. He filed his complaint against the unfair strikeout from a hospital cot, where his injuries, which were not serious, were dressed.



Hawk-Eye Photo by Nancy Bauer

MRS. REX TEMPLETON has one of 12 photographs of an artist's conception of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln's mother.

She's A Hanks And She's Proud Of It

By NANCY BAUER
 MT. PLEASANT — Southeast Iowa is known for its connections with Abraham Lincoln. Several communities also have descendants of the Hanks family of which Lincoln's mother, Nancy, was a member.

Mrs. Rex Templeton of Mt. Pleasant is one of the descendants in Southeast Iowa and has taken part in the research toward a Hanks family genealogy compiled by Adin Baber.

Mrs. Templeton said Baber, also a descendant of the Hanks

family, had worked on the research for more than 25 years. From the family history passed down from generation to generation, Mrs. Templeton's great grandfather, Abraham Jackson, was a nephew of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, Abe's mother.

Back to 1815

To assist Baber in his work, Mrs. Templeton sent him information concerning her family as far back as the records could be found — to Abraham Jackson Hanks, born to William and Elizabeth Hall Hanks, in 1815.

Pictures of the family were also requested by Lloyd Ostendorf of Dayton, Ohio, who drew an artist's conception of Nancy Hanks Lincoln. Through family traits, from descriptions and from the pictures of other ancestors, Ostendorf painted the only known painting of her. An actual picture had never been found, probably because his mother died when Abe was nine years old.

Mrs. Templeton received one of 12 copies of the painting in recognition of her assistance to Ostendorf and Baber. She also has both books written by Baber which had limited publication.

Way back in the genealogical tree there were two Hanks couples, both named William and Elizabeth, who lived across a river from each other in Virginia.

Both had sisters named Nancy, born in the same year, 1784. The Williams were cousins. One of the two sisters was Abe's mother. Which one is uncertain. Baber claims one and Mrs. Templeton says her family is traced to the other one.

A deciding question may be who was Mrs. Templeton's great great great grandfather.

"I don't really care if my family is from the direct line or not," Mrs. Templeton commented. "I just wanted to help with the research; I added the knowledge that, my family has given me, so that someday my descendants will know their ancestors."

27 Nancy Hanks

"In his research, Baber found 27 Nancy Hanks listed during the period in which Lincoln's mother lived," she added, "so it is no wonder that there isn't some confusion as to which one was which."

Baber's second book, which Mrs. Templeton has, is concerned with the immediate Nancy Hanks' family, her early life and her marriage.

"No matter what part of the family we are from," Mrs. Templeton said, "we are proud of it."

Lincoln Relative Who Resembles Martyr Is World's Fair Visitor

(Picture on back page.)

Charles R. Miles of Long Beach, Cal., who is a second cousin of Abraham Lincoln and bears a striking resemblance to the martyred President, yesterday explained why he had refused to play the part of Lincoln in motion pictures.

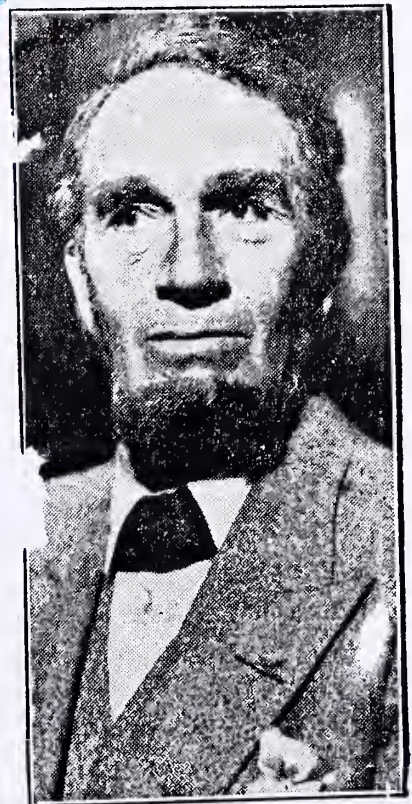
"I wouldn't play the part in the picture, 'Abraham Lincoln,' because the director wanted me to sit on the floor, roll a whisky barrel, and say, 'I'll drink mine from a spigot,'" Mr. Miles said, "and I know that Lincoln never took liquor except for medicinal purposes."

Mr. Miles and his wife, Katherine, are staying at 3443 North Marshfield avenue and are visiting the Fair.

They plan to leave shortly for Washington, where they have been invited to dine with President Roosevelt.

Mr. Miles was born near Caldwell, O., on Nov. 21, 1871. He is a grandson of Mary Hanks, who was a sister of Nancy Hanks, the mother of Lincoln. He was acquainted with Robert Lincoln, the President's son. Like Lincoln, Mr. Miles worked in the backwoods and is self-educated. He had not grown a beard, which causes the striking resemblance to Lincoln, until 1928, when the G. A. R. urged him to do so and bestowed on him the title of "Father Abraham." Mr. Miles has six children.

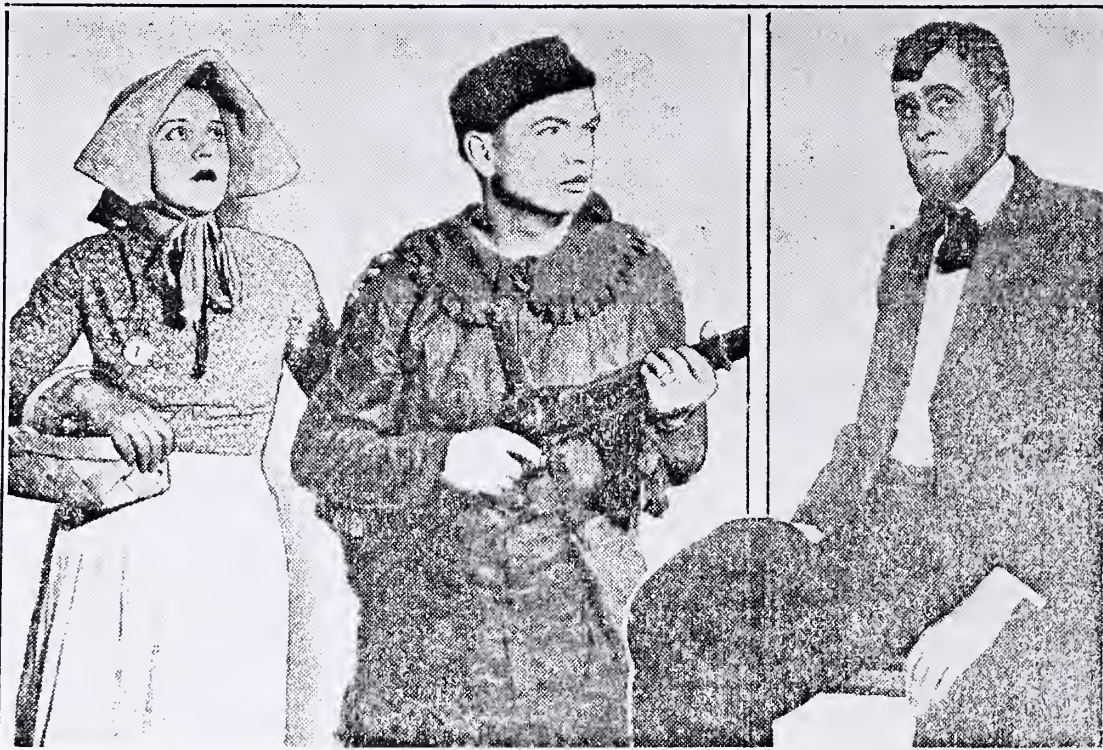
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LINCOLN KIN HERE.

Charles R. Miles, second cousin of Abraham Lincoln, visitor at Fair.

Mary "Polly" Hanks



Lincoln and Pioneers—They're characters in the Kennett Legion pageant of "Historic Delaware" at Longwood Gardens. Rev. Russell R. Patton (right), pastor of the Landenberg, Pa., M. E. Church, is the Great Emancipator. His grandfather, Thomas Hanks, was a cousin of Lincoln's mother. Mrs. Lois Taylor, of Wilmington, Del., and Knowles R. Bowen, of Kennett Square, are the "Pioneers" at the left.

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